



It's decision time for new community hall plans

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THE fate of Westgate Hall will be decided tonight.

Canterbury City Council will discuss proposals for a community trust to take over the building and set up a cinema and public hall.

If the bid by the Westgate Community Trust fails, the hall is likely to face demolition.

The chair of the trust, Adelina Comas-Herrera, hopes for a positive outcome. She said: "There is a huge need for a community centre. We are very confident in the plan and we hope the council will give it to the community. It will be of better use as a community centre than as land for parking."

As part of the Westgate Community Trust's proposals, it would work in partnership with Corinthian Curzon, which would use half of the building to provide a three screen art-house cinema.

It would also provide the majority of the £1.7 million needed to refurbish the building.

Mrs Comas-Herrera added: "We will be leasing it at the going rate of 99 years."

"The Westgate Community Trust is an alternative to demolition and we can run the building sustainably."

"The problem with the council was that they did not have enough staff there, so they could not take enough bookings to make it profitable."

"Canterbury City Council gave us a year to go away and draw up a business plan."

"Luckily for us, Curzon Cinema was looking for a location in the centre of the city and the hall is ideal for them. They have provided the capital too."

The executive meeting takes place at the Guildhall in Canterbury tonight, Wednesday, at 5pm and is open to the public.

Councillors will be asked to decide whether to grant, in principle, a long lease to the trust, subject to issues such as receipt of planning permission and approval from the cinema operator, Corinthian Curzon, or continue with the close and demolish option.



Shelluva celebration

THOUSANDS flocked to the coast this weekend as the week-long Whitstable Oyster Festival got under way.

Dry weather saw a huge turnout for the annual event with the harbour crammed

with visitors and locals. Among the attractions were the traditional landing of the oysters and parade through the town centre. The celebrations and events run all week.

ROADS

Fears A2 sliproad works will add to city's traffic woes

THE new A2 sliproad in Wincheap will make the traffic hotspot worse, according to the local Green Party.

Currently traffic can join the A2 at Wincheap going coastbound but not the London-bound carriageway, while there is no coastbound exit.

The new road linking the A28 to the London-bound A2 is nearly complete, allowing motorists to leave the city on

the London-bound A2 at Wincheap - seen as a key tool in easing congestion.

But Geoff Meaden, chair of the Canterbury Green Party, believes it will make no difference and could potentially make things worse.

He said: "People going to London will see Wincheap as closer to Canterbury than Harbledown, so they will want to use this to get onto the faster A2 quick-

er. It will make the site worse, it certainly won't make things better."

"Canterbury is a medieval city and is not built for cars."

"There are also plans to build 4,000 new homes, which will only add to the traffic and pollution."

The leader of the council, John Gilbey, dismissed these accusations, saying the new A2 sliproad will help improve the

flow of traffic when it opens, which is expected next month.

He said: "It has been shown many times that a new sliproad usually decreases the amount of traffic and that is what we expect here."

"The new sliproad was the least expensive option. It will improve the traffic issues and with that, it will improve the air quality too."

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CHARITY

Good sports for charity

SPORTING stars are preparing to raise money in aid of children's hospice Demelza at Canterbury Rugby Club next month. On August 7, fans can meet their idols, including sailor Chris Field, golfer Benn Barham, rally driver Louise Cook plus players from Kent County Cricket Club.

BUSINESS

Chef's recipe for success

MICHELIN-starred chef Jean-Christophe Novelli will be delivering a speech on "training and passion" to 250 delegates at the University of Kent this week. He will be joined by business leaders for the talk during the University Caterers Organisation's national conference.

INTERNET

Broadband's boost for town

INTERNET speeds are set to accelerate in and around Whitstable by next spring. BT is rolling out its high-speed copper broadband service which will allow homes and businesses to hit 20Mb download speeds. It joins a number of other towns in Kent to benefit.



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KENT COUNTY SHOW

Rain put dampener on number of County Show visitors, say organisers

By **Marijke Cox**
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MISERABLE weather has been blamed for the huge drop in visitor numbers last weekend at the annual Kent County Show.

Executive manager of the Kent Showground in Detling, Roger Moore, said although figures were up on the Friday, when temperatures reached above 20C, the rest of the weekend saw a fall where people chose to stay away due to heavy rain.

Overall, the event, much of which is held outside, saw the number of visitors drop by 18,000 to 67,000, compared to 85,000 last year.

"People looked at the forecast and decided not to come, but everyone that did had a really great time," said Mr Moore.

"It was more a drop in the number of people that came through the doors and not so much those that had pre-booked tickets."

"It was disappointing for us as organisers who put in so much work."

"But we were pleased that as many people came as they did as the weather really was awful."

He added: "The Friday was tremendous though. I was absolutely delighted."

Friday saw a 20 per cent rise in numbers on last year's show. However, around 43mm of rain fell over the two following days.



SIDE SHOWS: Despite the poor weather around 67,000 still attended the popular show at Detling

Mr Moore said only two of the planned events had to be cancelled over the three-day show – a motorbike display and a Spitfire flypast – due to the rain.

He admitted that The Open Championship, which was being held at Royal St George's in Sandwich, may also have had an impact on numbers.

"I'm sure we lost some visitors to The Open. One or two people commented that they would be going to that, but I think the significant impact came from the weather."

Events at the show included show jumping, livestock displays and trade stalls.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Free guided cycle rides

FAMILY bike rides through pine forests, pedalling the Pilgrims Trail and cycling the coastal Oyster Bay Trail are just some of the free guided routes on offer during Explore Kent Bike Week which starts on Monday.

The majority of the guided rides follow off-road routes, and organiser Explore Kent promises there is something for everyone. To book your places on any of the rides go to www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent, or call 08458 247600.

Gilroy pays back cash

FORMER Kent County Council chief executive Peter Gilroy has paid back a controversial £18,000-plus payment that was "not permitted in law".

Mr Gilroy authorised the cash for running the 2009 county council elections despite already earning a salary of £210,000, then commissioned the review into returning officers' pay which concluded the decision was not permitted in law. It was revealed at Thursday's full council meeting that Mr Gilroy had paid the money back.

Police ready for cuts

A REVIEW of Kent Police's £50 million savings plan has concluded the force is better prepared than most to cope with the financial challenges ahead.

The study by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary concluded that Kent was taking appropriate steps to safeguard its service to the public over the next four years, including its money-saving collaboration with Essex Police.

About 500 officer positions and 1,000 staff jobs will be lost in Kent over the next four years due to a 20 per cent cut to the force's budget.

ART

Huge interest expected as previously unseen 'Nude' Milligan painting goes up for auction

HE WAS known as a comedy genius who helped shape the future of British comedy.

But Spike Milligan's lesser-known talent as a painter is to be revealed in the first-ever auction of one of his artworks.

Almost 10 years after his death, a watercolour of a female nude, previously hanging in the home of close friend Charles Newington in Folkestone, is going under the hammer.

The 62-year-old painting, which has never before been seen in public, was given to Mr Newington, the artist behind the white horse in Folkestone, as a present by Milligan's wife Shelagh after The Goon creator's death in 2002. The pair had met 20 years earlier in a chance encounter in Rye.

"We started chatting and when I said I was an artist, he said 'me too' and invited me for tea," said Mr Newington.

"We had a shared passion for art and we got along incredibly well together. We'd meet every week or so, usually at the Indian restaurant in Rye, and I not only regarded him as a dear friend, but also a mentor."

"In 1995, I organised his first and only solo exhibition of his



TALENT: Spike Milligan longed to be recognised as a serious artist

work as a fine artist at the Agency Club in St Martin's Lane in London. None of the paintings were for sale and the event did not include the 'Nude'.

"Like Edward Lear, Spike's art is known only for his humorous book illustrations. Both Milligan and Lear wished to be known as serious fine artists, but the shadow of their other notoriety denied them that."

Milligan's widow Shelagh, who launched Ashford-based Millifoods in 1998, to produce high-quality vegetarian frozen ready meals, gave Mr Newington the painting as a gift after

the comedian's death.

Jonathan Riley, of Folkestone-based Grand Auctions, said predicting the sale price of the 10ins by 7ins watercolour was difficult due to the lack of records of Milligan's previous paintings, but around £800-£1,200 is anticipated at the auction on September 28.

"I believe the rarity of this event will attract attention from a much wider audience," said Mr Riley. "There is no doubt that Milligan was a naturally-talented artist."

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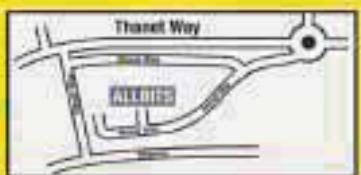
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Frank discussion about religion with Archbishop

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STAND-UP comedian Frank Skinner will come face-to-face with the Archbishop of Canterbury as part of a two-day religious festival.

The West Midlands-born comic has accepted Dr Rowan Williams' invitation to participate in the In Conversation event at the city's historic cathedral, on Friday, September 16.

It will be the highlight of the Gathering Festival – organised by the Diocese of Canterbury – with faith, comedy and football expected to be among the topics discussed.

Skinner said: "Being a Roman Catholic, my first thought on receiving an invitation to be interviewed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral was that it could be a trap – maybe I was to be payback for John Henry Newman [who left the Church of England for the Catholic Church in 1845].

"Nevertheless, I accepted immediately because the Archbishop seems such an intelligent and holy man. If I had my way the interview would be a 90-minute shouting match about the Reformation but, more likely, we'll talk about being a believer in an ever-more secular Britain and how best to fend off the evil forces of new-atheism."

Skinner has been a devout Roman Catholic since childhood and relied heavily on his faith in

his battle against alcoholism. His appearance at the cathedral follows a similar sell-out event in 2009, involving Dr Williams and the editor of Private Eye magazine, Ian Hislop.

Dr Williams said: "Frank is an extraordinarily gifted person with a fascinating life story. As a practicing Catholic he also has some strong views on both the Catholic and Anglican church which will be interesting to explore.

"I would imagine during our conversation we will cover wide-ranging issues that include the British identity, the Big Society and the media's portrayal of religion. While I am sure Frank will try and steer the conversation towards football, I shall aim to steer it back to rugby."

Other highlights of the festival include an address by Labour MP and General Synod member Frank Field, and a Question Time-style debate with guests including the Bishop of Dover, director of the ResPublica think tank Philip Blond, and the chief executive of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Matthew Taylor.

A wide range of activities for all the family will also be on offer, including story-telling, and a tour of the cathedral's 'secret parts'.

Tickets for In Conversation cost £15 (£10 concessions) and can be purchased online at www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering.

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STAND-UP PERFORMER:
Comic Frank Skinner ready to talk religion

NEWS IN BRIEF

► A stink over seaweed

THOUSANDS of tonnes of rotting seaweed is being removed from the beaches of Thanet.

Contractors are working to remove around 2,000 tonnes of seaweed which have washed up onto the east Kent coast.

Minnis Bay is one of worst affected area and it is feared the rotting seaweed could put off tourists.

A town hall spokesman said: "Thanet District Council does more than any other council in the country to manage seaweed along its coastline."

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The high-speed rail service also saw passenger numbers rise by three per cent, from 4.6 million in the first six months of 2010 to 4.7 million during the same period this year.

Eurostar bosses said the increase was particularly strong given that the 2010 figures were boosted by increased revenue resulting from the Icelandic ash cloud disruption.

► New man at the helm

IMPROVING patient experience has been listed as a top priority for the new head of the county's mental health trust.

Bob Deans, previously a director at West Kent Primary Care Trust, has replaced Erville Millar as chief executive of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

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NUCLEAR POWER

Dungeness gets hope for a third power station

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NUCLEAR power station workers have won renewed hope from the Government that a new plant could still be built at Dungeness.

Plans for a third reactor on the existing site appeared dead in the water last month when it was excluded from a list of eight locations the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) feels are suitable for nuclear power generation.

More than 500 people work at Dungeness B and campaigners fear the community will crumble if its main employer ceases to exist.

But a glimmer of hope emerged from Parliament this week when Tory renewable energy minister Charles Hendry indicated the Government would be willing to accept new proposals.

He said: "We were not limited to eight sites in the process we went

through. We decided eight of the sites proposed to us were appropriate and could realistically be developed by 2025.

"Our concerns about Dungeness related to the special area of conservation, which is protected by law, and we were not persuaded that we could comply in that regard if the site was being developed.

"We said in every other respect Dungeness fulfilled the criteria, so if the special area of conservation issues can be resolved there is no reason why Dungeness could then not come forward separately."

Nuclear power meets about 20 per cent of the UK's electricity needs and is supplied by 19 reactors throughout Britain, the majority of which are nearing the end of their lives.

The existing Dungeness B reactor is a 1,200-megawatt twin-unit power station that employs more than 500 full-time staff but is due to be decommissioned by 2018.



PROPOSALS:
Renewable energy minister has indicated the Government would be willing to accept plans for a new plant at Dungeness

Were Dungeness C to be approved, it would create about 2,000 jobs during construction and a further 350-450 over a 60-year period.

It would also produce a maximum output of 1,600MW – sufficient for about 2.5 million households.

Mr Hendry's comments on Dungeness were in response to a question from Folkestone and Hythe Tory MP Damian Collins, who said he was confident the environmental concerns could be overcome.

He added: "The minister gave a fuller and more detailed answer than I expected and made it clear the door is still open for Dungeness.

"If there are problems with other sites and if the Government has problems reaching its targets for renewable energy, then it may need Dungeness for that extra power.

"The power station is incredibly important for the people of Romney Marsh because it brings a lot

of skilled jobs to the area, and I will continue to fight for it."

A spokeswoman for EDF Energy said the company remained fully committed to its employees at Dungeness and the local community.

She added: "Although Dungeness was excluded from the National Policy Statements (NPS) due to potential adverse effects to European designated sites, we hold the view that this site should not be omitted at this strategic, national stage of the process, as this judgement would be better made at project level.

"We gave evidence to the energy and climate change select committee and we also responded formally to DECC's consultation on NPS, outlining this view.

"New nuclear build at Dungeness has the potential to bring huge benefits to Romney Marsh and Kent."

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TRANSPORT

Toll bosses deny broken promise over congestion

THE Highways Agency has denied accusations it has already broken a promise to suspend charges at the Dartford crossing.

Earlier this month it was announced that motorists would be able to bypass the tolls when traffic stretches as far back as Junction 4 (Kent side) or 28 (Essex side) of the M25, as part of a six-month trial to reduce congestion.

But the Federation of Small Businesses says an opportunity to test the new system has already been missed following an incident at the crossing which caused huge tailbacks last Saturday.

North Kent branch chairman Neville Gaunt said: "A lorry broke down on the QEII Bridge closing two lanes, and rapidly the queues of stationary vehicles on the Essex side reached the 10-mile marker of J28 at Brentwood.

"Despite the trigger location being reached, the tolls were still being collected even though vehicles had to wait up to two hours to get through the plaza.

"The FSB will be continuing to monitor, with our colleagues in Essex, how many times traffic reaches the trigger point and the tolls continue to be collected in defiance of the minister's promise.

"We hope this will be the last time that promise is broken but suspect the list will be considerable by the time the pilot project ends in six months' time."

A spokesman for the Highways Agency said the 10-mile marker was just one of several conditions which have to be met for the charges to be lifted. The others are that it must be an emergency situation, and that the suspension of the tolls would ease the congestion and assist in managing the situation.

The spokesman added: "We monitored the situation closely but the incident did not meet the criteria to justify suspending the charges, either in terms of incident severity or congestion.

"It is unlikely suspending the charges would have helped."

The Department for Transport is currently consulting on plans to raise the cost of using the crossing for car drivers to £2.50 by next year.



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HEALTH

Just few days left for victims to claim asbestos compensation

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SUFFERERS of an industrial disease caused by exposure to deadly asbestos have just days remaining to apply for £5,000 compensation from the Government.

Pleural plaques is a thickening of the lungs common among people who came in contact with the killer dust particles before the introduction of related health and safety regulations in the 1970s.

Kent is one of the UK's hotspots for asbestos-related illnesses, with the Health and Safety Executive revealing that Medway in particular has one of the nation's highest concentrations of related deaths – with 265 between 1981 and 2005.

Many of those who contracted the disease would have worked as tradesmen at Chatham Dockyard before its closure in 1984, where

asbestos was used widely in the ship-building industry.

Last year the Government set up a fund to compensate people suffering from pleural plaques, but the deadline for applications is on August 1.

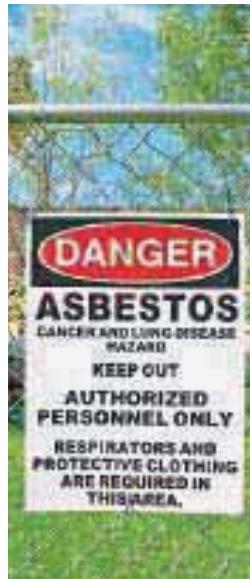
Retired electrician Robin Whitfield, 69, from Headcorn, near Maidstone, has already benefited from the scheme having been exposed to asbestos in 1957.

He said: "We were sent to Oakwood mental health hospital because a large cooling tower had fallen down after a fire and ruptured the main electricity supply.

"We were in the old Victorian ventilation tunnels under the building, and inside were a load of old heating pipes covered in asbestos.

"But most of it had fallen off and when the other electrician pulled the cables, he just disappeared – that's how dusty it was.

"Dust masks didn't really ex-



DANGER ZONE: Kent is hotspot for asbestos-related illnesses

ist back then, or if they did then nobody gave them to us.

"We just used to tie handkerchiefs round our mouths.

"People didn't know then how dangerous asbestos was, but since then both my co-worker and my younger brother who was also at the hospital have both died because of it."

A diagnosis of pleural plaques is a clear sign that someone has been exposed to asbestos, and as such that they may also be at risk from more serious illnesses such as asbestos or mesothelioma.

Simpson Millar solicitors specialise in helping people who have been exposed to asbestos.

So far the firm has secured £320,000 between 64 people.

Campaign manager Rebecca Ryan said: "We believe many more people than have already claimed may be entitled to compensation for pleural plaques."

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DESIGN



Student's mannequin picked for county tourism campaign

A PIECE of art depicting a caged mannequin has become part of a major advertising campaign promoting Kent to the capital.

The unusual work, by University of the Creative Arts (UCA) student Saskia Dixie, is being displayed on billboards around London to entice people to the county.

Renowned photographer Jean Luc Benard spotted the artwork during a visit to UCA's annual pre-degree show at the Historic Dockyard Chatham and selected it to feature alongside a number of Kent images as part of a the campaign by Visit Kent designed by M&C Saatchi.

Saskia, 20, said it was amazing to be part of such a big advertising campaign.

"It's incredibly exciting to have my work shown around London on such a huge scale – I can't wait to be on the tube and suddenly see my poster, I will want to tell strangers that it's my work," she said.

The caged mannequin art and fashion piece was made during Saskia's year-long foundation diploma in art and design.

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A woman has died after being hit by a car believed to have been driven by her daughter who was learning to drive.

Susan Duke, 41, suffered head injuries when she was hit by her 17-year-old daughter, who was reversing a Ford Ka in the car park of Cuxton Social Club at 11.20am on Monday, July 18.

Ms Duke died a London hospital on Wednesday.



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PHONE HACKING

Custard pie attack a threat to future of public hearings, warns Tory MP

By Steve Knight

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A KENT MP who helped interrogate Rupert Murdoch says he is concerned about the possible ramifications of the 'custard pie' attack on the media mogul.

The Tory backbencher for Folkestone and Hythe is a member of the culture, media and sport committee which grilled the News Corporation chief, his son James and former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks, in an historic Parliamentary meeting this week.

But the televised hearing descended into chaos when a member of the public threw a plate of shaving foam at the elder Murdoch, who had been summonsed to give evidence on the phone-hacking scandal which has appalled the nation.

Mr Collins paid tribute to the tycoon for continuing to answer questions after the attack, but was concerned about the possible repercussions.

He said: "Members of the public were queuing for hours to watch in person and I would hate to think there will be heightened restrictions in the future because of what happened. That would be wrong and a terrible shame for democracy."

"Secondly, I'd hate it if people like Rupert Murdoch refuse to give evidence in future for fear of their own safety. Maybe a plain-clothed police officer should have been sat beside him



to prevent this sort of thing happening.

"But it was all very shocking. I've no idea what made the man do it, but it was wrong."

The hearing on Tuesday represented the first time Rupert Murdoch has faced direct scrutiny by MPs in his 40-year UK media career.

But the tycoon has been criticised by political commentators for giving inadequate answers to many of the questions posed to him, and for appearing to have little knowledge of a previous hearing into allegations of phone-hacking.

But Mr Collins said Murdoch's attendance alongside his son and Brooks was worthwhile.

He added: "We know a bit more about what was going on than we did, and we also have a better sense of the problems of communication and organisation within News Corporation itself. It's clear the people at the top knew very little about what was going on in the newsroom.

"Rupert Murdoch is the top man in that organisation and it was right he should come to answer questions. He blamed people he trusted for letting him down, but that can't be seen as an excuse."

Picture: DAVID SHANKBONE



SECURITY: MP says pie attack on media tycoon Rupert Murdoch may endanger future hearings

"The public inquiry should get to the bottom of who knew what and when."

Meanwhile, Rochester and Strood Tory MP Mark Reckless was also involved in matters related to the phone-hacking scandal on Tuesday.

He is a member of the home affairs committee which grilled former Met Police Commissioner Sir Paul Stephenson and ex-Assistant Commissioner John Yates.

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CONCERT

Leeds Castle classics bring out Union Jacks

By Nick Ames

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THE sun came out to welcome this year's Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert led by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's signature blend of superb music and stunning spectacle.

The event featured a prestigious line-up, while actor Robert Powell narrated proceedings.

Stirring performances, under the baton of conductor John Rigby, were given by renowned classical names such as Patricia Orr, Rebecca Bottone and Wynne Evans, one of the UK's leading tenors.

Evans shot to the top of the classical charts with his debut album *A Song In My Heart* and has sung as a principal at leading opera houses, including the Royal Opera House, Welsh National Opera and English National Opera.

The event – with Archant KOS Media as its partner – attracted an extremely enthusiastic crowd who were all relieved the rain in the early



STIRRING STUFF: Crowds enjoyed the concert at Leeds Castle

part of the day did not intrude.

The Royal Marines Band provided visual splendour and its performance included marching music, popular classics, music of the big band era and exciting contemporary works.

Later in the evening, a Spitfire flown by pilot Charlie Brown carried out a display to music from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the concert ended with fireworks.

Margaret Grover, from West

Malling, said: "What a wonderful event. It was our first time and we will definitely be coming back next year."

"Wynne Evans in particular was very entertaining and his voice was amazing. It was quite a spectacle to see all the Union Jacks being waved towards the end of the night and the fireworks took my breath away.

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CRIME

Paedophile claimed his child porn was 'art'

A PAEDOPHILE who described his collection of indecent images of children as 'art' has been jailed for 15 months.

Martin Fisher, 61, of Queens Road, Whitstable, admitted five counts of sexual assault, three of which were against a girl under 13, and possessing and making indecent images of children.

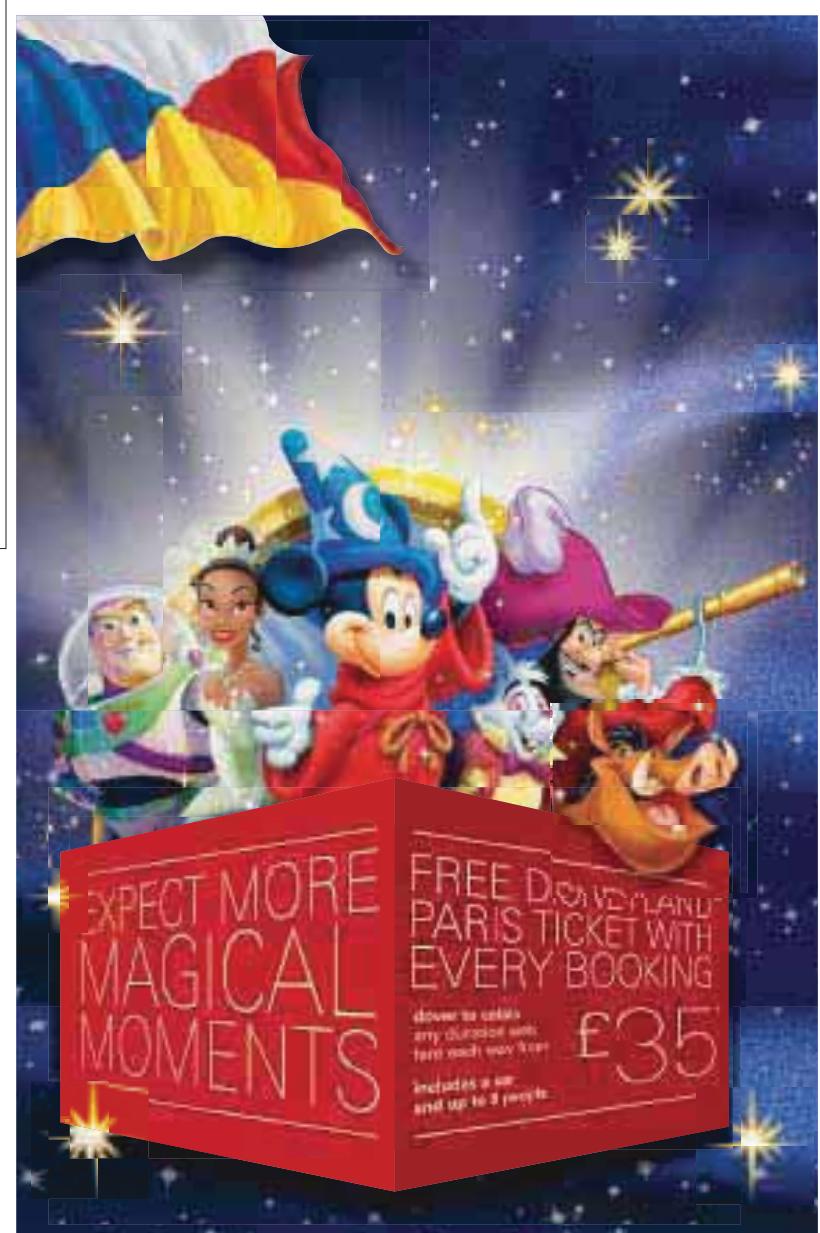
Three additional offences of indecent assault on a child under 14 will remain on file.

PROPERTY

Village's chalets top second home table

LEYSDOWN on Sea on the Isle of Sheppey has topped a list for the number of properties owned as holiday or second homes.

Research by estate agents Knight Frank has shown 64.8 per cent of all the dwellings in the village that are charged council tax, are people's second or holiday homes. The majority of the second 'homes' are thought to be chalets or caravans on one of Leysdown's parks.



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TERRITORIAL ARMY

MP and Army hail £1.5bn boost for TA as major step in defence of the realm

By Marijke Cox

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KENT'S Territorial Army units have welcomed Government plans to invest £1.5 billion in strengthening British reserve forces.

A review by the Reserve Commission produced recommendations to enhance the capability and increase the role of military reserves, with plans for thousands more to be trained for frontline operations.

MP Julian Brazier, who formed part of the small team behind the Futures Reserves 2020 report in his position as deputy chairman to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, said it was a significant step forward.

The Canterbury representative was a member of the Territorial Army for 13 years and was awarded a Territorial decoration in 1992.

His grandfather raised the Kent Fortress Royal Engineers



RESERVIST SUPPORT: Julian Brazier MP (far right) at the launch of the Future Reserves 2020 report

in 1932 and under his command in 1940 the small unit became the most decorated in the British Army.

Mr Brazier said: "The report was a strategic overview about the condition, strategic context and direction of travel of our reserve forces and a blueprint

for immediate action.

"It is in the interests of the whole country to have more balanced forces with reservists from the civilian world playing a larger role in defending Britain, as they did in two world wars and as they do in our English-speaking sister countries.

"As a result of the reserve review, the department will plan for an Army of around 120,000 comprising of regulars and reserves with a ratio of about 70 per cent regulars to 30 per cent Territorial Army.

"The report recommends that reserves also can take

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It is in the interests of the whole country to have more balanced forces with reservists playing a larger role in defending Britain

JULIAN BRAZIER, TORY MP

on a greater role in domestic resilience."

He added: "Since entering Parliament over 20 years ago I have been a passionate supporter of our Armed Forces and particularly the TA as I served as a Reserve Officer for 10 Years.

"This report is one of my most

important political achievements and I am determined to see the recommendation become reality."

Kent has four TA units: 133 Workshop Company, 103 Battalion (REME), in Ashford; 3 The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment (Infantry) in Canterbury; 217 Fd Sqn Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), 101 EOD Engineer Regiment in Tunbridge Wells; and 221 Fd Sqn EOD Troop, 101 EOD Engineer Regiment (Royal Engineers) and 3 PWRR (Infantry) in Rochester.

An Army spokesman for the TA in Kent said: "There is going to be a lot more money spent on the reserves so this is a positive thing for the Territorial Army."

Defence secretary Liam Fox announced cuts to the Armed Forces this week, with the Army shrinking from its current size of around 100,000 personnel to 82,000 by 2020.

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EDUCATION

Kent pupils set to trial new vocational diploma

By **Marijke Cox**

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A GROUNDBREAKING new version of the respected International Baccalaureate combining academic subjects with vocational study is to be trialled in three Kent schools.

The career-led qualification looks to create an alternative to vocational studies which are often derided as "Mickey Mouse" courses.

From September the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC) will be offered to students at Hartsdown Technology College in Margate, King Ethelbert School in Birchington, and Northfleet School for Girls.

Executive headteacher of King Ethelbert School, Paul Luxmoore – who is also head of Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs and was appointed to lead Walmer Science College following its poor Ofsted inspection – said the IBCC gives academic credibility to vocational courses, such as health and so-

cial care and business studies.

"There is still a view that vocational subjects are Mickey Mouse, but level three BTec, for example, is a tough qualification to get," he said.

"It's largely because people don't understand, and A levels and GSCEs are what people are used to. Divisions between grammar schools and secondary moderns is still something that plagues us and this IBCC will help give vocational subjects a respectable image."

Pupils who feel they are unable to take a full International Baccalaureate diploma – a qualification seen as more academically demanding than A levels – will have the opportunity to gain access to the IB through the new IBCC, by choosing a minimum of two IB subjects and combining them with vocational study, such as a BTec.

They would also need to study a number of core programmes, such as critical thinking skills or a language, although this could be at GCSE standard.

Mr Luxmoore said: "If academic subjects are the only things on offer it disengages a huge number of the population. There has to be a quality alternative to purely academic qualifications and the IBCC strengthens that."

"This could be something big – it's likely to be very successful."

A spokesman from non-profit foundation International Baccalaureate said while the IB diploma programme continued to be the primary offering for university-bound students, there needed to be more choice for 16-19 year old students.

"We believe the IBCC bridges the gap between academic and career-related programmes, allowing career-oriented students to also have the opportunity to take advantage of an IB education," he said.

The trial will start from September in the Kent schools and IBCC will be offered at Dane Court Grammar School in 2012.

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Turner gallery hits yearly visitor target in 12 weeks, and 25 businesses open

By Marijke Cox

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IT MAY have split opinion with art critics, but Turner Contemporary has proved its worth to Margate's renaissance by hitting its 12-month target for visitor numbers in just 12 weeks.

On Tuesday, the gallery's 156,000th visitor came through the doors, marking a major milestone for the new £17.5 million attraction.

Tourism chiefs had pinned their hopes on the gallery being the catalyst for the town's revival and they were left stunned this week when the extent of its appeal to the public was revealed.

Director of Turner Contemporary, Victoria Pomery, said it was fantastic to have hit the visitor target so early in the year.

"Research shows we are meeting our aim to attract a wide range of local, regional, national and international visitors," she said.

"We also know we are appealing to new audiences, with five per cent of our visitors never having been to an art gallery before."

The gallery was opened in April by former Margate resident and artist Tracey Emin, and musician Jools Holland.

Since opening its doors, the Old Town part of

Margate has seen a boost in trade with business owners relishing the rush of curious visitors.

In October, Rodin's The Kiss statue is coming to the gallery – the piece has previously been voted Britain's most popular work of art.

Owner of Café G in the Old Town, Daniel Goldman, said more people were coming through its doors, and Manning's Seafood Stall, opposite the Turner, has seen some of its busiest days trading in 50 years.

Research undertaken on behalf of the gallery showed that 48 per cent of visitors to the Turner were from Thanet; 27 per cent from the South East; 10 per cent from London; and the remainder from the rest of the UK and overseas.

Ms Pomery said although the real economic impact of the gallery would only be seen over time, early indications were good.

"Over the past 18 months 25 new businesses have opened up in Margate's Old Town and the lower end of the High Street, reversing the national trend of high street decline," she said.

"Southeastern reported a 30 per cent rise in the number of people using Margate railway

BIG DRAW:

Margate has seen 25 new businesses open up since the Turner Contemporary opened, and it will soon house Rodin's The Kiss



station since the gallery opened in April."

She said some businesses had also reported income of up to double compared to the same period last year.

"Turner Contemporary is also directly generating jobs, employing 37 full-time and 40 part-time staff," she added.

But while bosses were celebrating the high visitor numbers, other were damning about Margate's new attraction.

Art critic Brian Sewell, who last year referred to Canterbury's much-loved Beaney Institute as "dead as a dodo", launched a scathing attack on the Turner during a BBC interview this week.

"What I hate is bad galleries, badly designed. It's about as beautiful

as a shed, you might as well make Shredded Wheat in it," he said.

"The visitor numbers just mean a lot of curious people looking to see what has been dumped on the shore at Margate.

"If they continue to shunt school party after school party in, that will boost up the numbers.

"Anyway, that doesn't matter, the only thing that matters is the quality of the experience and that is pretty dire."

Comments left on leading tourism website Trip Advisor also panned the Turner. Of 15 opinions left, 10 were negative with posters to the site calling it "absolutely disgusting", a "total waste of time" and "dull and disappointing".

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TRANSPORT

Details of green travel schemes revealed after success of £2.3m bid

By **Marijke Cox**

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IMPROVED access to high-speed stations and better rural rail links are two of seven vital transport schemes given the green light following a multi-million pound cash boost.

Kent County Council was awarded £2.3 million by government to fund environmental projects which would support economic growth while reducing carbon emissions.

The money will go towards improving sustainable access to transport hubs and schemes to improve connections between the different forms of transport.

It will also help fund low-cost, high-value investment in changing people's perceptions of walking and cycling, as well as improving links between communities and key destinations.

Some £1.5m will be invested



ON YOUR BIKE: Green travel

in sustainable access to high-speed stations in east Kent and making travel by foot, bike or public transport easier for onward journeys.

Kent hospitals will get £100,000 of improved facilities for walking and cycling, and £85,000 will be used to support the Community Rail Partner-

ship, which works to help communities served by rural and secondary rail services.

KCC cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, Cllr Bryan Sweetland, said: "Kent has a strong track record of working with partners to tackle congestion and encourage the take-up of sustainable travel choices."

Low-cost schemes to improve links between communities and key destinations include Tonbridge, between Vale Road and the town; Maidstone, involving transport links at Maidstone hospital; and Snodland, between the station and Holborough.

The transport projects will be delivered in partnership with several organisations including rail operator Southeastern, Action with Communities in Rural Kent, and two hospital trusts.

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ENTERTAINMENT

New Marlowe's panto is Cinderella

By Ed Hill

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THIS year's Marlowe Theatre pantomime promises to be the biggest yet, especially as it will be staged in the city's new state-of-the-art building.

The cast of Cinderella includes EastEnders star John Partridge alongside Britain's Got Talent presenter Stephen Mulhern.

They are supported by Ben Roddy and firm local favourite comedian Dave Lee.

Although best known as playing Christian in EastEnders, Partridge is no stranger to treading the boards.

Before TV fame he was well known as a star of many big West End shows and was a top song and dance man.

He said: "My career has been quite organic. I have never had a five-year plan, things have just happened naturally. I first came to the story of Cinderella through ballet when I was training at the Royal Ballet. I will be doing a bit of everything and there will be something for everyone."

"One of my heroes is Gene Kelly so I hope I can have just a small amount of his charisma in my role as Prince Charming."

"We aim to make this the biggest and the best panto that Canterbury has seen. It is fantastic that Canterbury, an old town with all this beautiful old architecture has now got a 21st century theatre. We are looking forward to creating a 21st century pantomime."

The cast gave the public a small taster of what they can expect at a performance at the



WEST TO EAST: Dancer John Partridge was a West End star before EastEnders came calling

Whitefriars shopping centre last week.

Mulhern, who will be playing Buttons, said: "I have seen the new theatre and it just looks incredible. Cinderella is the best pantomime and the part of Buttons is lovely because you get to have a lot of scenes with Cinderella and sympathy from the crowd."

"This year we will have a lot of magic in the show. At the end of act one we are going to have

an illusion that will take people's breath away. It has been specially created for this production. It will make people want to come back and see the show again and again."

The new building allows for new possibilities.

Mulhern said: "Because we are in the new theatre we are able to do this illusion. In the old Marlowe it just would not have been possible. I have done 10 pantos and I think this will be one of the best."

Writer and director Paul Hendy knows this is a special year for the Canterbury show.

He said: "I am determined to make it not just the most spectacular pantomime in the South East, but the whole country."

"We have such a talented cast it is like having a top football team that you know can win everything. I have deliberately handpicked people because I know they are brilliant at what they do. I know people will be wowed by them."

One man who is especially glad to be in the show is ugly sister Michael Batchelor. The performer was born and grew up in Canterbury.

He said: "All my family lived here. It is where I grew up and the old Marlowe Theatre was where I began to perform."

"To be coming back here at this time and to be one of the first dames to be on the new stage is something I could never have imagined. This really is a very exciting time for me."

■ For more information on Cinderella at the Marlowe, visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

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Got To Dance sensation Akai says online talent competition is a thriller

By Marijke Cox

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A TINY street dancer who stormed to victory in Sky1's Got to Dance has launched a major online competition.

Akai Osei, who won the nation's hearts with his expert moves on the TV show last year, recreated Michael Jackson's legendary Thriller dance alongside 20 dancers for the launch of Disney's Shake It Up: Dance, Dance, which looks to inspire young people to showcase their talent.

The 11-year-old, from Orpington, said it was great to recreate one of his idol's most iconic sequences.

"Michael Jackson was a dance legend," he said.

"I am hoping my passion for dance will inspire other kids to enter the competition no matter what their dance experi-



LET'S DANCE: Akai Osei says the online dancing competition is a fantastic opportunity for young dancers to showcase their talent

ence – it's all about enjoying yourself and having fun."

The new online contest gives youngsters aged between six and 16 the chance to showcase their talent and upload films of their perform-

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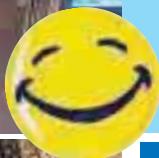


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DISABILITY SPORTS

Blind football star says Kent FA's disability sport work is on target

By Steve Knight

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A BLIND football star has paid tribute to the Kent FA for its ongoing campaign to raise awareness of disability sport.

Born with congenital glaucoma, David Clarke, 40, was robbed of his sight by the time he was five but has gone on to become one of the world's most capped players.

Last week the London 2012 Paralympic hopeful attended the UK's first regional disability football conference, which was organised by the KCFA and held at Sevenoaks School.

The striker told KoS afterwards that he was pleased to give his backing to the association's awareness drive.

"Disability football wasn't catered for back when I first started playing, but that's really changed in the last 10 years or so," he said.

"Now we have a national academy, development squads and a national league, but most importantly we have centres of excellence around the country including in Kent."

"The ultimate aim is to make the pathways for playing football the same for disabled people as they are for able-bodied people, and Kent is leading the charge in that respect."

Blind footballers play with a ball containing a ball-bearing so they can hear where it is, meaning spectators must remain silent while the action on the pitch unfolds.

The players also wear blindfolds to account for varying lev-



RAISING AWARENESS: Blind footballer David Clarke with FA disability manager Jeff Davis, and Stephanie Gadd from the KCFA

els of sight, with coaches stood behind either goal instructing them when to shoot.

Mr Clarke has represented England and Great Britain in a number of international competitions, scoring more than 100 goals in the process.

He said: "The game is very quick and athletic; it's not just people bumping into each other. It needs people with exceptional athleticism and spatial awareness."

"It's not about knowing where the goal is – it's about knowing where the corner of the goal is."

"There's a whole raft of disabled people out there who haven't even considered playing sport before, so the challenge is to not only make it available but also to reach out to those people."

Last year the KCFA was awarded the prestigious Foun-

dation Level of the National Equality Standard of Sport in recognition of its attempts to promote equality in Kent.

The association, which devotes 34 per cent of its annual budget to the cause, is now working towards the next stage up, the preliminary level.

Former Chelsea and Charlton Athletic defender Paul Elliott, who is now an ambassador for the Sporting Equals charity, also attended the disability conference.

He said: "It's been a truly inspirational evening and great to find out about all the work going on here in Kent for disability football, but there's still work to be done."

"Many disabled people still don't know about the opportunities available to them."

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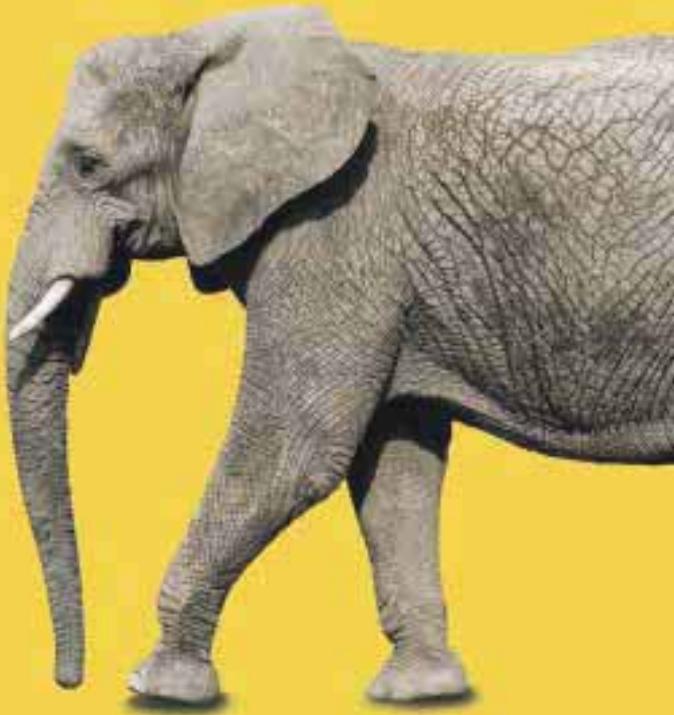
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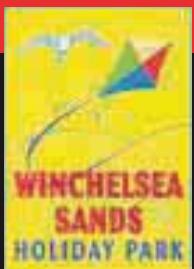
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ombudsman receives 129 complaints about County Hall services

By Steve Knight

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UNHAPPY residents contacted the Local Government Ombudsman to make almost 130 complaints against Kent County Council last year.

Failings in adult social care, children's services and education were to blame for the 28 grievances deemed most serious by the council watchdog, which required the authority to pay out more than £8,000 in settlements.

Complaints included one from the carers of a disabled boy who received no education for six months after being left virtually housebound, and another from a man who failed to receive community care services despite being assessed as eligible.

The report comes just weeks after KCC was heavily criticised by the LGO for last year's handling of the admission appeals process at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, in particular for appointing an incompetent "appeals panel from hell".

Ombudsman Anne Seex said: "The experience of individual citizens can provide uniquely valuable insight into how council functions impact on people.

"In dealing with complaints the ombudsman fulfils two important functions – securing remedies for people affected by mistakes or poor systems, and encouraging councils to learn from complaints.

"In 27 per cent of the complaints we investigate, we



GRIEVANCES: Officials at County Hall had to pay out more than £8,000 last year after complaints from residents about services

achieve a resolution of something that has gone wrong. My annual review highlights issues arising from such complaints for the attention of elected councillors and the public.

"I hope this will help councils improve local public service delivery and benefit the wider community."

Of the 129 complaints made against the council, the LGO dismissed 47 and decided against pursuing a further 24 deemed not serious enough to warrant a full investigation.

Nine were outside the ombudsman's jurisdiction, while the rest have yet to be decided.

The council was also criticised for taking an average of 31.5 days to respond to the complaints – some 3.5 days longer than the LGO expects.

KCC cabinet member for customer and communities, Cllr Mike Hill, said: "We take every complaint seriously and recognise their value to help

us improve the way we deliver services.

"When you compare KCC with other authorities, for the size of our authority and the population covered we get proportionately fewer complaints. Complaint volumes have also increased across the country in the last year, not just in Kent.

"As part of the current authority restructure, a new team is being created to deal with a wide range of information requests, including complaints, with the aim of further improving the way we can deliver these types of services."

Meanwhile, Medway council paid settlement fees to 14 complainants last year, with a further 52 either dismissed, not serious enough to warrant an investigation or outside the ombudsman's jurisdiction.

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Dementia – it's no laughing matter

By Steve Knight

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JOKES about people "losing their marbles" or "going senile" make dementia the most ridiculed medical condition in the South East.

According to the Alzheimer's Society, almost a quarter of more than 2,000 people surveyed said gags about the mental health condition were more common than for any other serious illness including cancer and autism.

This is despite only seven per cent believed it was acceptable to make fun of dementia.

Former delivery driver Tom Coppins, 59, from East Malling, is one of more than 21,500 people in Kent who suffer from the condition.

He said: "My diagnosis hasn't robbed me of my sense of humour but dementia isn't a joke; there's a serious side to it as well. No-one understands the difficult-



SUFFERER: Terry Pratchett

ties I face in day-to-day life, and it's nothing to laugh about.

"It's down to a lack of education about what dementia actually is, and a lot of people believe we're all packed off to mental institutions when that's actually not the case at all.

"At the end of the day we're all still human beings and we all still have feelings. Just because we act

a bit strange from time to time, it doesn't mean we're weird. It just means we suffer from a disease that can't be helped."

Dementia is a condition associated with an ongoing decline of the brain and its abilities, including memory, language, understanding and judgement.

An estimated 29,588 people in Kent will suffer from the illness in 2021, an increase of 38 per cent from the current figure.

Notable people to have suffered from Alzheimer's – the most common form of dementia – include former US President Ronald Reagan, actor Charlton Heston and author Terry Pratchett.

Alzheimer's Society spokesman Chris Wyatt said: "It's shocking people think it's acceptable to make jokes about people with a serious medical condition. It's essential that stigma against dementia is reduced to enable people to continue to lead as full a life as possible."

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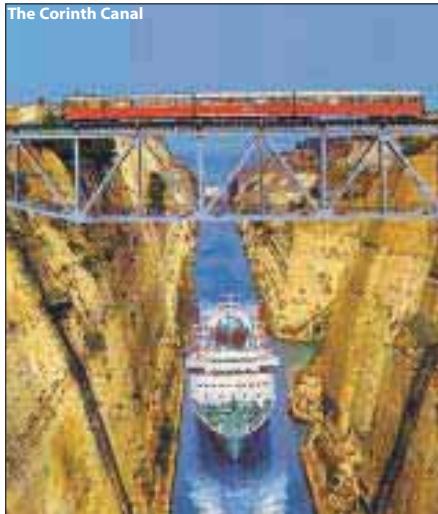
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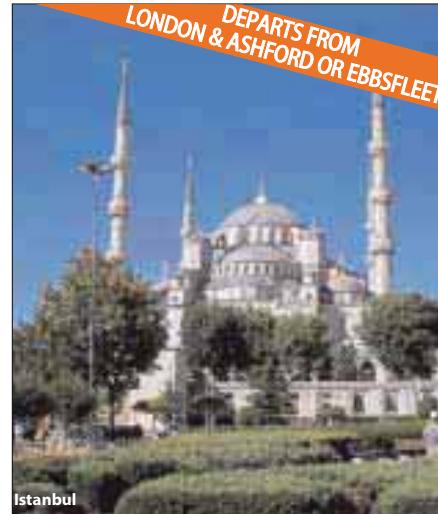
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Skills gap fears as parish councils get more powers

By Steve Knight

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CONCERNs have been raised that parish councils may be unable or unwilling to cope with new responsibilities promised by the Government.

Prime Minister David Cameron announced that such local authorities – of which there are almost 300 in Kent – will be allowed to impose parking charges, take over leisure centres and even revoke strip club licences.

They will also be able to take control of libraries, local museums and parks.

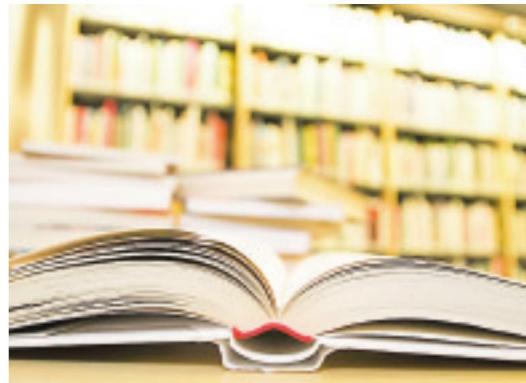
However, the plans have raised concerns that many parish councils may be ill-equipped to cope with new powers without the same expertise available to district, borough and county councils.

Terry Martin, county secretary of the Kent Association of Local Councils, said: "Parish and town councils should be at the heart of localism.

"Being the closest tier of local government to the community, they should be enabled to take on more public service delivery if they wish to in collaboration with local people.

"Many councillors will welcome being given more responsibility but they will also be concerned at whether their council will have the resources, skills and technical support available to them to be able to do so.

"Local councils' strengths are in front-of-house local serv-



BROUGHT TO BOOK: Parish council could start to run libraries

ices which are essential to their local community."

Mr Martin added that it was "imperative" parish councils remain apolitical, following concerns the main parties may field more candidates in parish council elections if it means they can gain even more decision-making powers.

The proposals announced by Mr Cameron are contained in a White Paper which aims to open up nearly all public sector services to competition from the private and voluntary sector.

He said it was the first step on the road to a "better, fairer country" in which people enjoy more choice, less bureaucracy, improved services and equal access for rich and poor.

Stephen Plumb, chairman of Iwade Parish Council near Sit-

tingbourne, welcomed the bottom-up approach to decision-making but said organisations like his would still need help on a wide range of issues.

He said: "Individual councils may have members who have expertise in certain areas, but sometimes they will not.

"It all depends on what particular issues we will be asked to decide on, because we don't want to make the wrong decisions based on ignorance.

"There will still be instances when we will need the experts to explain the bigger picture because while we might come up with what we feel is the obvious solution to a particular problem, there may be technical reasons as to why that might not work."

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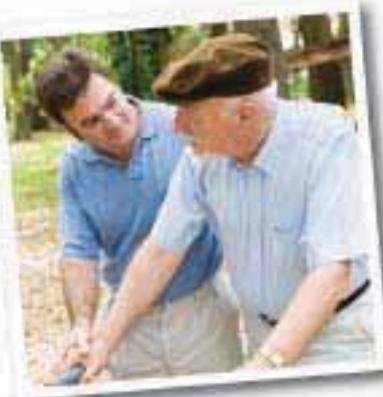
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Millionaires celebrate lucky lottery windfall at garden party

By Steve Knight

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A MEETING of the millionaires gave some of Kent's lucky lottery winners the opportunity to revel in their newfound wealth.

Since the first National Lottery draw was made in the middle of Noel's House Party back in 1994, more than £1.4 billion has been paid out in major prizes in the South East alone.

Dartford pensioners Ted and Marilyn Newton were part of a five-strong family syndicate that scooped a whopping £7.9 million in July, 2008, and they were among the guests at a party in East Grinstead, West Sussex, last week.

"I just couldn't believe it when Ted told me we'd won," said 67-year-old Mrs Newton. "I was in a state of shock and disbelief, and we checked the numbers over and over again just to make sure."

"We've since bought a holiday home near Dover and Ted bought a Land Rover Discovery he'd always wanted, but other than that we've not made too many lavish purchases."

"We're getting on now and already have most of the things we want. Winning the lottery has just made things a lot more comfortable for us, and the main thing for us is that we, our children and our grandchildren are now financially secure."

"But it's really nice to be able to go into a shop and buy whatever you want without having to check the price first."

A study by Dr Richard Tunney at the University of Nottingham found that lottery winners were more satisfied with their lives over time compared to non-winners, confirming what most people already suspected.

He also concluded that hitting the jackpot is comparable to other events which have a long-term positive impact on people's lives, such as having their first child or grandchild, learning to ride a bike, or stopping smoking.

Bexley residents Arthur and Jackie Wright scooped £2.9m in February, 2008, and were also in attendance at last week's party.

Like the Newtons, the couple said the best thing about winning the lottery was that they were now financially secure.

"Our feet are still firmly on the ground," said Mrs Wright, 49. "We've paid off our mortgage and bought homes for our children, and we don't have to worry about bills any more. The financial burden is off us, and that's what's been the biggest change in our lives."

According to the National Lottery, one in every 6,760 players has won a share of a jackpot prize.

The game has also raised £26bn for good causes across the UK, funding more than 30,000 projects in the South East alone.

Meanwhile, the winners of the largest lottery jackpot ever – £162m in the EuroMillions draw – were last week revealed to be retired Scottish couple Colin and Christine Weir, from Ayrshire.

There had previously been speculation the lucky ticket-holder may have lived in Kent.

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We'll still be patients' voice

Mike Eddy, lead governor of Kent's health watchdog LINk, looks at what the current proposals for NHS reform will mean for the county

WHEN the Coalition government took power in 2010 it quickly introduced a Health and Social Care Bill aimed at reforming the NHS. The primary objective was to put greater power into the hands of GPs.

The bill came in for a lot of flak, not least from GPs, but also other health professionals who suspected they would be marginalised. Groups representing patients feared funds for re-organisation and the energies of doctors would be diverted from caring for patients.

Earlier this year progress on the bill halted.

The Government set up a 'listening exercise' to consult on proposals and to alter them once they had listened. The listening exercise did produce changes to the plans.

The proposal to relieve the health secretary of his ultimate responsibility for the NHS was dropped. For most this change would seem to be irrelevant to

whether they get see their GP or whether they get their operation. But it is vital to maintaining an NHS where a national politician is held accountable for the NHS.

The reliance on GPs as the only medical professionals to be able to commission services has been reduced.

Other professionals – nurses, hospital doctors, dentists, and the local successor to Kent LINk – will now have a say in deciding what services are provided and how. And medical professionals will be able to move at their own pace towards setting up the arrangements rather than working to a timetable imposed by the Department of Health.

While a number of groups of GPs in Kent have been ready to take on the challenge of commissioning, others across the country have been less keen.

Commissioning at the moment is in the hands of managers in the NHS who work in pri-

mary care trusts. Patients are concerned GPs will find their time taken up with administration rather than taking care of the sick or funds will be taken up in the costs of redundancy of PCT staff and of hiring new staff to do administration for the doctors.

While all these major changes are going on, the Local Involvement Networks across the country will also be changing. Perhaps the most noticeable will be a change of name from LINk to HealthWatch.

Currently, Kent LINk provides a voice for patients and for carers and users of health and social services. It can require the county council, through its health overview and scrutiny committee, or even the secretary of state, to undertake investigations of serious breakdowns in the NHS and social care. And Kent LINk has undertaken its own investigations into issues as varied as hygiene, transport to health

facilities and outpatient clinics.

All this will continue but HealthWatch will also take part in commissioning services as it will have a seat on a proposed health and wellbeing board.

However, HealthWatch may be expected to provide an advocacy service for patients and relatives if things go wrong. This could place a HealthWatch in the difficult position of arguing on behalf of a patient that the services HealthWatch had had a hand in devising were not good enough.

Kent LINk is preparing for the changes to the way in which the NHS operates and at the same time is working hard to make sure its own transition into HealthWatch doesn't deflect it from speaking up for patients and social services users.

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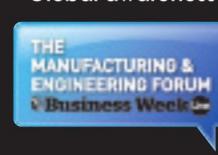
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KOS COMMENT

Long-suffering rail users deserve better

WHILE the introduction of high-speed rail was no doubt a huge step forward for British transport, there are still many Kent commuters who would prefer to pay less and use the old-style mainline trains.

It is therefore baffling as to why such services from the coast are supposedly taking 20 minutes longer to reach London than they did before the arrival of HS1.

Southeastern passengers have already suffered enough through recent huge fare increases, and should be receiving a better service for their money.

The Archbishop has some explaining to do

COMEDIAN Frank Skinner once helped recreate Maradona's infamous 'Hand of God' goal as part of his 1990s Fantasy Football League series.

We'll never know if God really did have anything to do with the match-winner, but perhaps that's something Skinner can ask the Archbishop of Canterbury about when they meet to discuss all things religious.



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Great Wall leads the way

MANY thanks to all KoS for the article on the Great Light Sculptures of Ramsgate.

The Great Wall of Ramsgate has become an enabling body for all forms of art and art installations in the town. I believe Ramsgate can become a significant destination for visitors and investment over the next few years and the Great Wall leads the way.

Best of all we did it without any public money. It's easy to be a success when various national and local government bodies throw money at you. The fundraising is as hard work as the works of art themselves and so it should be. Nothing of any worth ever comes easily.

As for the Great Light Sculptures we are looking for investors, supporters and hard workers. If you want to make a difference to Ramsgate contact us on 01843 584678 or 07884 4277 898, email thegreatwalloframsgate@btconnect.com, or visit and comment at [walloframsgate.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from all of you who love Ramsgate.

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Make French pay for Stack

SO there has now been another meeting to decide when to have another meeting to do probably nothing about alternatives to Operation Stack.

Stack is not the problem; it's a good idea if the open carriageway became two-way and was effectively policed. There is no need to carve up even more of what's left of our county to park lorries on.

The major factor is the French allow a few of their countrymen to cause mayhem over here without fear of penalty. The pros and cons of the costs of Operation Stack's options are irrelevant. France allows a blockade, contrary to EU rules, and should be penalised.

Let Brussels dictate the cost to France of any modifications needed to the M20 and ensure that the UK receives them.

Further, ensure France is made to pay realistic penalties

to the UK for each and every stoppage of free passage.

Harry Matthews, Herne Bay

Follow French on teen mums

RE: Breaking the cycle of teenage pregnancy, KoS, July 17.

I agree with the general message in this article, but what should be focused on is each baby that is born into this difficult situation of life, will of course become our next generation.

This has been a time bomb gradually going off, for many years we have seen this deterioration happening before our very eyes.

Perhaps we should learn from other countries; for instance in France (a family orientated society) girls who cannot be 'properly' supported by their family are encouraged to co-habit in a 'hostel' type environment for unmarried mothers where they can learn how to care for their child in the right way.

They are also encouraged to have some sort of career, which in turn helps to contribute to the cost of the

support being given to them.

They develop as an adult, gain self-esteem and will be able eventually to support themselves, and contribute to society. Better for them and better for society, and of course should break the cycle.

L Carr, Borough Green

County Show too expensive

JUST A quick note to say the Kent County Show is way over-priced. In a recession it's crazy that they've put the cost up to £19.50 per adult and nearly £50 for a family. This should have been reduced to £14.95 or less.

There's plenty of good stuff inside to spend money on, without fleecing people at the gate (another £5 for a programme!).

Gary Miller, Faversham

It's more than just the NotW

DO the press and the government really expect the public to believe the News of the World were the only ones

phone hacking? If they could do it so could all of the press.

What needs to happen is to make this technically not possible. But I believe there will always be ways on signal interception.

I find all this shock revelations press total rubbish. The news media and investigation media will use all that is possible to get what they want and need.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Teachers can't mug all of us

MARK Penny (Letters, July 17) shouldn't blame the Labour Government alone for the country's woes. Labour and Conservative parties wanted the 'light-touch' financial regulation that allowed the banks to endanger our future by gambling on highly risky financial schemes abroad.

They did it because our money system is based on digging ourselves into increasing debt, as countries in the Eurozone have found out, and as is coming to a head in the USA.

None of the main parties have a plan to get us out of

this mess and are using the smokescreen of cuts to siphon services to the private sector, where there are donors.

Mark's remarks on the cuts to the teachers' pensions is like saying "I was mugged the other day, so it's only right that everyone else gets mugged as well." That doesn't make it fair or reasonable, and we need to tell our MPs and representatives that loud and clear.

Gary Miller, Faversham

Aged ignored by hospitals

LIKE Janet Verrent (Letters, July 10), I am surprised the QEQM Hospital has been given a clean bill of health over its treatment of older patients. Recently my mother was in the hospital on three occasions before her distressing death from a lung condition.

It seems that to survive in the NHS system you have to be young fit and healthy. Unless you ask and badger constantly you get ignored. People of my mum's generation are not used to demanding things, unlike the 'me, me me' whining we hear constantly today. As a result their needs for comfort and reassurance are ignored by busy nursing staff, many of them young and focused on computer screens and 'carrying out procedures'.

The Care Quality Commission's report talks about cultural sensitivity, and the need for interpreters for people who can't speak English.

However, there is no sensitivity towards older people, or the need to communicate with them in clear English.

The limit on number of visitors is ignored; sometimes my mum's space would be crowded out with visitors at adjoining beds.

There is no advice to relatives on how they could help to improve the patient's lot in hospital or after discharges.

People are often sent home at very short notice when they are still ill. A lot of money and effort is rightly spent on clinical procedures, but it is often undone by failing to attend to the more basic human tasks of care, nutrition and treating older people with respect rather than as interesting medical cases.

For people with terminal conditions it would be better to focus on enabling them to die with some dignity.

Greg Ball, Tipton

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Can my wife cash in £402 pension pot?

Q My wife has a small pension fund with Windsor Life, worth just £402. Now that she is 60, she would like to take this. Windsor Life has offered a quarter of the fund as a lump sum, plus a yearly pension of £1, which seems very mean. The Revenue advice line says she should be able to take the total sum in cash as it is less than £18,000. But Windsor Life says this is not correct as my wife is already drawing another pension and the total value of the two combined is more than £18,000.

A Because the Government wants us all to save for our old age, it gives tax relief on contributions to pension plans and company pension schemes.

But the other side of the coin is that it makes it hard to take money out, except as a pension.

There are two concessions in the rules, though. The first is that we are allowed to take a quarter of our pension pot as a tax-free lump sum.

And the second relaxed rule allows anyone whose total pension savings come to less than £18,000 to take the lot in cash instead of as a pension.

This is called the "trivial commutation" rule.

Now for the tricky bit. You have told me that according to Windsor Life, your wife's existing pension accounts for 1.85pc of her "lifetime allowance" – that is, the maximum £1.8m that the government lets anyone put into a pension plan.

By my arithmetic, this means that the pension pot for the existing pension was £33,300.

This puts her total pension savings at £33,702, which is nearly double the £18,000 limit for what the government would regard as trivial.

In theory, your wife should have merged her two pension pots years ago. Instead, she is now stuck with one that is worth so little that it cannot buy a worthwhile pension, nor can it be taken as cash.

And yes, Windsor Life's offer of £1 a year in pension, in exchange for a pension pot of about £300 after your wife takes a quarter in cash, is very, very mean.

It would take her 300 years just to get her own money back!

The government is reviewing these rules at the moment, but I am not optimistic that there will be any major change. It looks as though your wife has – as close as makes no difference – lost £300.

Q I HAVE read that compensation is available for people in pension schemes run by Equitable Life. Can you shed any light on this? I was with Equitable Life for 20 years and have a much-reduced pension.

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



A THE Government finally picked up the bill following the near collapse of Equitable Life in 2000. Compensation cheques started to be issued by the Treasury on June 30. The worst-hit 37,000 investors had with-profits policies that were turned into annuities – pensions for life.

They will share £620 million in annual payments for as long as they live. Another 945,000 savers share £775m in one-off payments.

But not every policyholder will benefit. More than 400,000 lost nothing, the Treasury says. And officials add that there is no need to claim.

The company's records are intact, so if you are due a payment it will arrive automatically.

Q My wife bought a return air ticket to Moscow via Amsterdam from KLM. She had to change her plans and could not fly out on KLM, but when she tried to use her return ticket, she was told it was not valid. Is KLM allowed to declare her return ticket useless, just because she did not use the outward portion?

A It is hard to imagine an airline rule that says that if unforeseen circumstances mean you cannot use the outward ticket, then the return half ceases to be valid. Contact the consumer complaints department of the Civil Aviation Authority (020 7240 6061).

Q We had £55,168 in a Plus Saver account with Alliance & Leicester, now part of Santander. From October, 2009, to April, 2010, this earned just £27 interest. Is this correct?

A Sad, but true. The Plus Saver account may have offered a good deal when you opened it, but the interest rate slid to just one 10th of 1pc! Banks often advertise good rates to attract business, but later cut the yield sharply, knowing that lots of customers do not check to see that the interest is still decent.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Deadline looms for tax credit renewals

By Ed Foss

MyMoney 24 writer

PEOPLE who receive tax credits have just a few days left to renew their claims.

The July 31 deadline is rapidly approaching, and HM Revenue & Customs has warned claimants that anyone not renewing by then will see their payments stopped.

Chas Roy-Chowdhury, head of taxation at the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, said: "Normally, renewing your tax credits is a simple case of updating HMRC about changes in your circumstances.

"But because of the changes announced by the Government since the last election, the benefits you

are entitled to may have changed."

He added: "The rate at which payments decrease above a certain income threshold has been speeded up, especially for higher earners. The reduction is now 41p – up from 39p – for every £1 above the threshold.

"At the same time, some thresholds have been lowered. The household income threshold has dropped from £50,000 to £40,000."

Some benefits have been increased. For example, the child element of tax credits is going up this year above inflation, which will help make up for the freeze in child benefit that will affect those on low incomes, Mr Roy-Chowdhury said.

There are about 166,400 tax credit claimants in Kent, 85,000 in Norfolk, nearly 70,000 in Suffolk and

about 75,000 in Cambridgeshire. Meanwhile, HMRC has issued a new warning about fake emails being sent out by fraudsters in the run-up to the tax credits deadline.

These emails purport to inform recipients about tax rebates, and they provide click-through links to HMRC website lookalikes.

Anyone tempted to provide credit or debit card details can then find their accounts emptied.

HMRC said it made contact with customers due tax refunds only by post, and not by telephone or email. It also said it never used third parties to inform people of any refunds.

■ For more information about renewing your tax credits, call 0845 300 3900 or visit www.direct.gov.uk/renewyourtaxcredits.



Under-25s 'show financial apathy'

APATHY surrounding key personal finance subjects among younger people has long been a problem, ranging from disinterest in pensions to disregard for credit-card interest rates.

But that apathy also stretches to savings – a subject made all the more important by continued above-target inflation rates.

Nearly nine in every 10 young people do not know the interest rates on their savings accounts, while two thirds do not know their balances.

That equates to millions of people aged under 25 being completely unaware of how their savings are performing.

The figures come from HSBC research, which suggests under-25s are the most apathetic about their savings.

However, younger people do top the table in having savings goals, with under-25s most likely to have particular aims in mind for their money, while over-55s are the least likely to save for specific purposes.

"It is never too early for young people to begin to learn the basics of managing money and the importance of budgeting and saving," said Peter Bull, of HSBC, which is backing a financial education programme for primary schools.

What Money Means, run in

partnership with the Personal Finance Education Group, is aimed at increasing both the quality and the quantity of personal finance education for youngsters.

While younger savers are the most ignorant, savings apathy is fairly high among all savers, according to the HSBC research.

More than three quarters of savers don't know the interest rates of their accounts, while more than half don't know the balances of all their savings accounts.

The study also showed that men kept a slightly closer eye than women on their accounts, and they are also more aware of interest rates.



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Golf courses look to build on Open glory

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KENT'S top golf courses are working together to ensure they make the most of The Open effect.

Chart Hills sales, marketing and membership manager Sarah Saunders said it was vital that the top courses worked in unison to encourage the thousands of visitors who braved the wind and rain at Royal St George's last week to make a return visit to the county.

"The Open has brought Kent to the forefront of people's minds – it has been a fantastic success.

"Now it's all about working in partnership with other Kent golf courses, travel companies such as P&O Ferries and Eurostar and third parties such as hotels and restaurants to keep it there.

"Visit Kent has done a tremendous job in championing the county as both a golfing and visitor destination. We need to keep the momentum going and keep selling Kent as a fantastic destination to come to."

The big winner at The Open was Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who picked up his first major in his 20th Open outing.

But Saunders says Kent came a close second.



WINNER:

Kent's golf courses are hoping to make the most of The Open, won by Darren Clarke, in the coming months and years

"We have more than 100 golf courses across the county, four of which are in the top 100 in the UK. There is nowhere else in the country where you will find such a plethora of good golf courses. On top of that, the county boasts a wide range of amazing attractions.

"Our USPs are our proximity to mainland Europe and the competitive prices of ferries and Eurotunnel, which make Kent the ideal location for a short break. We're speaking to other golf courses – Royal St George's, Prince's, Royal Cinque Ports and The London Club – and other

parties to put together packages to encourage potential customers to return to Kent.

"Visit Kent has done a great job in pushing Kent forward as a destination for golf. We want to continue that."

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive at Visit Kent, said: "Kent is a perfect destination for golfers of all levels – right on London's doorstep.

"Plus there is a wealth of attractions for family members not so eager to spend all their time on the greens. With our golf courses, accommodation providers and other Visit Kent investors, we have developed a series of golf breaks and packages with Golfbreaks.com, Europe's largest golf travel company. More are in the pipeline.

"We promoted Kent at the International Association Of Golf Tour Operators' trade show in Valencia last year and will be in Turkey for the same show later this year. Visit Kent was at St Andrews for the 2010 Open and, of course, we were well represented at the Golf Live Event at London Golf Club.

"To date we have hosted more than 100 specialist Press trips focusing on Kent's golf and tourism offer and we have ensured all marketing activity for the campaign has been backed by website and e-marketing initiatives."

GROWTH

Supporting SMEs 'key to recovery'

MP Gordon Henderson says helping SMEs to expand is key to bringing future prosperity to the county.

The Sittingbourne and Sheppey representative made the statement during a visit to St George's Business Park.

He said: "It's from small expanding companies that much of the growth in the local economy will come in the next few years and I want those businesses to be well placed to expand and provide the extra jobs our people need. We need to make it easy for people to grow their businesses to the benefit of all. We have excellent facilities to support businesses, like St George's Business Park, where start-up companies can easily be launched and where expanding companies can grow."

St George's operates easy-in and easy-out monthly licences.

Kevin Cawston, of Cawston Specialist Roofing, said: "When you are starting out you need to limit the commitments you are making and so taking space month by month is ideal."



TRIALS: Freight trains have tested HS1

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UK freight network moves a step closer

CROSS-CHANNEL freight-train operations further linking Kent to the Continent took another big step forward with Groupe Eurotunnel adding to its locomotive fleet.

The company, which operates the Channel Tunnel, snapped up five more SNCF Class 92 freight trains, bringing its fleet to 16.

A spokesman said: "These additions reaffirm Eurotunnel's commitment to the growth of cross-Channel rail freight and demonstrate our intent to promote open access."

The purchase comes after trials on the High Speed 1 rail link to test the Kent track's ability to handle larger trains from Europe.

DB Schenker Rail UK's Alain Thauvette said: "Another significant step forward to enable freight trains on the pan-European network to London has been taken.

"The opportunity to increase modal shift between road to rail on cross-Channel operations is fast becoming a reality."

NEW BUSINESS

LA Monkeys make Canterbury move

AN AMERICAN production company is bringing a taste of Los Angeles to Kent with its plans to move into a Canterbury studio.

Pop Monkey Productions will open its first UK office at Adision TV Studios, using these premises to expand its development work across Europe.

The move comes as part of the company's push into original content and ownership of unscripted format rights.

Co-founder Chuck Thomas said: "Our goal is to pitch new formats to broadcasters in Europe first in a bid to retain ownership outside the US and bring them back when they're hits."

Fellow co-founder Simone Thorogood said: "Using our relationships in Europe and the US and our studio facilities in the UK, we've got the full package to create the next big hit for broadcasters."

Pop Monkey Productions has picked up UK and US rights for cooking show Guerilla Grill (aired in Hungary) and card-based game show Catch 21 (aired in the US).

FOOD & DRINK

Sheps opens bespoke bar

SHEPHERD Neame has opened a bespoke bar at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Spitfire Bar was installed after a unique partnership was forged between the brewery and the venue.

Spitfire brand manager Kate Maclean said the partnership represented a new phase in the brand's continued growth, with many exciting developments ahead sure to keep it in the spotlight.

She said: "Spitfire's wide-ranging appeal complements the many audiences who enjoy the Royal Albert Hall's diverse range of entertainments.

"We are delighted at this unique partnership between Spitfire and the Royal Albert Hall and look forward to a long and successful association."

Michelle Aland, the venue's head of sponsorship and partnerships, said: "Spitfire ale is the perfect partner for the Royal Albert Hall."

Shepherd Neame began brewing Spitfire at its Faversham brewery in 1990.

The brand sponsors the Kent Spitfires cricket team.

ONLINE

Web workshops at science park

SOCIAL-media guru Pankaj Shukla will lead a series of internet-inspired seminars at Kent Science Park.

The three talks will focus on utilising search engines to make your website stand out, using social media to turn customers into fans, and harnessing online marketing.

Mr Shukla said: "The trick to getting great results from the internet is simply knowing what you should be doing. There really is no need to go to expensive companies who offer to do this work on your behalf – all you need is an idea of how you can deliver extra value to your clients and a little bit of time every day to implement your plan.

"Once you realise how simple it is and your business starts to boom you'll wonder how you ever got by without it."

The seminars will take place at the Sittingbourne science park on the first Wednesdays of October, November and December.

TRAVEL

Partnership a 'natural fit'

BALDWINS Travel has partnered with national operator Kuoni.

As part of the dual-brand deal, the Maidstone firm, which has offices in Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge, will move its headquarters to a new boutique building in the county town.

Baldwins Travel managing director Ron Marks said: "We are very excited to be partnering with Kuoni at our new, stylish store in Maidstone.

"Combined with Kuoni's high-quality product, this new relationship provides a natural fit for our client's requirements. We look forward to growing our mutual success."

Kuoni's national sales manager Amanda Darrington said: "We have worked with Baldwins for many years and are especially delighted to have assisted the Maidstone team's move to the new boutique premises in the most vibrant part of town. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to grow our business alongside good independent agents."

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County firms paying hefty price for fraud

BUSINESSES were defrauded out of more than £1 billion in the first six months of this year, a new report has revealed.

UK firms lost £1.1 billion to criminals between January and June – up from £609 million during the same period in 2010.

The South East was the hardest-hit region, accounting for £661 million of fraud.

While the greatest burden, by value and number of cases, of fraud has been borne by Government agencies, the private sector is also under intense attack.

In fact, the average case value of private-sector fraud in the UK has jumped from £2.5m in January-June 2010 to £4.2m for the same period this year.

Kevin Meehan, Kent director at KPMG, said: "The evolution of e-commerce, as well as increased reliance on automated payment systems and the ability of professional criminals to stay one step ahead, has swollen overall UK fraud figures.

"But fraud levelled at UK businesses tears at the very fabric of the economy. Although it is just as prevalent in larger organisations, the small and medium-sized companies are more likely to suffer dire consequences as a result. For SMEs, fraud can often lead to significant cash-flow problems resulting in redundancies – and at worst a fight for survival."

■ RECENT KENT FRAUD CASES: A former Nomura banker from Kent was sentenced to 11 years in prison for an attempted £50m mortgage fraud.

A 51-year-old man from Sevenoaks was part of an inter-

payments were not made. However, the judge said spending some £500 on a season ticket for Crystal Palace Football Club could not be regarded as one of life's necessities.

A woman from Gillingham was found guilty of laundering almost £164,000 through an internet scam via her handbag shop in Skinner Street. The shop was a facade of a business earning next to no money.

She leased the premises from a landlord who ran Western Union and, unknown to the landlord, she signed up with Western Union as an agent and the company's software was installed at her shop. It was discovered that £164,000 from overseas had been sent to other countries. The frauds were perpetrated mainly in the United States and fictitious characters were created as recipients of the money.

A father and son from Orpington were sentenced for their part in a £6 million tax evasion to fund their "luxury lifestyles".

Canterbury Crown Court heard the pair used the cash to finance the purchase of a villa in Spain, joint ownership of a racehorse, a BMW car and an £8,000 golf holiday overseas.

HMRC investigators found that between 1997 and 2004 the pair used a false invoicing scheme to conceal the withdrawal of £18 million from the bank accounts of their two construction companies.

The scheme enabled them to make more than £3m of fraudulent claims for the repayment of VAT and reduce corporation tax liability, while also failing to meet Construction Industry Scheme tax obligations.

Apprentice scheme ahead of target

A COUNCIL'S 100-day apprenticeship challenge continues to gather pace, with Strood-based R Swain and Sons the latest firm to take on two teenage recruits.

Medway Council called on firms across the Towns to employ 100 apprentices in just 100 days.

The scheme, launched in May, got off to a flying start and is still ahead of target at the halfway point.

R Swain and Sons helped bring the 100-new-jobs goal into sight by employing Jack Humphrey, 16, and Harri Stevenson, 18.

"Doing an apprenticeship sets you up for a career and a future with a company," said Harri, from Rochester.

"Finding work can be really difficult at my age. I think this scheme's a good idea as it will encourage employers to take on apprentices and I think, as young people, we can offer a lot to a business as we grow to know it inside out."

For Jack, from Strood, taking up the apprenticeship at Swain was continuing a family tradition with the company where his uncle and grandfather have worked.

"It's important young people do an apprenticeship instead of going straight into work because you get a qualification and a good grounding in a company, their values and the way they work," he said.

"It's something my family have done and I'm looking

forward to following in their footsteps."

R Swain and Sons commercial director Paul Burridge said apprentices were key to the company and its values.

"They are the future of our company and indeed our industry. All our apprentices gain a recognised qualification and at the same time get some real hands-on experience, from washing vehicles on their first day to gaining a fully-fledged HGV licence and a position with the firm."

The Medway 100 In 100 Apprenticeship Challenge launched in May and is aimed at encouraging more businesses to take on apprentices and realise the benefits they can bring.

Airline eyes flights to States from Manston

By Simon Robinson

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A NEW airline has declared an interest in operating transatlantic flights from Manston.

FlyInvicta.com is looking to initially run daytime flights between the east Kent airport and New York.

Bosses at the fledgling company say they have contacted Manston airport chiefs to notify them of their intentions.

FlyInvicta.com was keen to stress that, while it was interested in operating transatlantic flights, the Manston to New York route was far from a done deal and the firm was also in talks with airports in London, the north of England and mainland Europe.

The spokesman said the FlyInvicta.com management team was taking shape and included staff from a number of British and North American airlines.

The company is also in the process of raising the necessary funding required to secure its short- to medium-term future against factors such as rising fuel costs and a proposed rise in airport tax.

A FlyInvicta.com statement reads: "FlyInvicta.com is a pioneering long-haul operator with plans to fly new trans-Atlantic routes.

"Reminiscent of a more courteous and comfortable age, FlyInvicta.com will potentially initially fly from Manston to New York, offering a full range of business and economy travel that rivals established carriers.

"Respect for customers is our watchword. Customers can rely on our exceptional attention to detail, an expert management team drawn from professionals within the airline, travel and business worlds, and highly trained crews.

"Together, these create the foundation for a consistent, welcoming and reliable service within a secure and safe environment.



TAKE OFF? FlyInvicta.com has expressed an interest in operating a transatlantic route

"Other routes may be announced in due course."

The company has set up a short survey on its website in a bid to research which US destinations would be most sought by Kent and London passengers, which UK airport would be their preferred location to take off from, and on which type of aircraft they would rather fly.

A spokesman for Manston airport was unavailable for comment.

Small businesses feel pinch caused by fall in lending from major banks

SMALL firms are bearing the brunt of a contraction in bank lending, a survey suggests.

Figures released by the British Bankers Association (BBA) show SMEs – particularly the smallest businesses – are the least confident and least likely to receive financial support from the major banks.

More than half of businesses with up to nine employees had not applied for a loan in the last 12 months because they expected to be turned down.

Overall, 52 per cent of small firms with up to 249 employees said that applying for a loan caused too much hassle, was too costly, or that they were being asked for too much security.

The Federation Of Small Businesses said the BBA's

findings reflected what it had been told by its members.

Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "Small firms have been telling us for the past few years that they are fearful of approaching the banks for new finance, or to extend an overdraft, because they know they are likely to be turned down or be offered a deal on terms that just aren't favourable for them.

"The picture that emerges from this independent research shows that the smallest SMEs are losing out – with a third being refused outright when initially applying for new finance. This figure is more than double the bigger SMEs being refused.

"So the big question is why medium-sized companies are getting a better deal.

"The FSB's own survey work

has shown that small firms are missing out on growth and investment opportunities and are at a competitive disadvantage as a result of failing to secure the finance they have requested.

"This will have a much wider impact on the economy as small firms make up more than half of UK GDP.

"This BBA research comes at a crucial time and should feed in to the recommendations the Independent Commission On Banking will be making to Government in September.

"The FSB has long been calling for greater competition in the banking sector to give the smallest firms a better chance of securing a better deal, and these results show the importance of that demand."

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A FREE seminar will be held this week to boost the career prospects of Kent's business owners, employees, graduates and apprentices.

The event takes place at the University of Kent's business school in Canterbury, from 4-6pm on Tuesday, and will feature speeches from key business people as well as a question-and-answer session on a wide range of topics.

Sponsored by MFW Chartered Accountants – which has six offices throughout the county – the seminar is a partnership between Kent County Council, Kent Business School, and the Canterbury firm Yes! Recruit Me.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter will be one of those delivering a speech at the event.

He said: "Kent County Council strives to do all it can to promote sound business and entrepreneurship in the county.

"In order for Kent to grow economically, despite these uncertain times, we need risk-takers, leaders, collaboration and training. It's these sorts of start-up companies, together with established SMEs, that the county should be getting behind to encourage business success."

Yes! Recruit Me is a new start-up created by 23-year-old chartered accountant and entrepreneur Joe Thomsett.

He said: "Having researched the local market, we've seen a real opportunity to add value to the recruitment sector, incorporating various techniques to match candidate values and drivers to those of the company culture.

"Where we're not just matching technical skills alone, we're providing a much stronger calibration between candidates and clients.

"We create a whole digital candidate portfolio, including video CV, which we present to the clients and then make available to them, together with other valuable information, on their own personalised website.

"Successful candidates are then placed on training courses with one of our partners."

Other speakers at the seminar include apprenticeships expert Mike Henderson and American entrepreneur Robert De Fougerolles.

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Success stories give thanks for royal help

By Steve Knight

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ENTREPRENEURS from Kent and beyond are celebrating 35 years of help and guidance from the Prince's Trust youth charity.

Set up by the Prince of Wales in 1976, the trust provides financial support and teaches key skills to 14-to-30-year-olds who have struggled in school, been in care, are long-term unemployed, or have been in trouble with the law.

The charity has helped more than 600,000 young people over the years, some of whom attended a 35th birthday celebration at the prince's official residence of Clarence House, Westminster, earlier this month.

Among them were Kent residents Anne Spratling and John Ayris, who set up the East of India handmade gifts business in 1991.

"We got laughed out of the bank on one occasion," said Anne. "Looking back I suppose I can understand why we didn't seem like a good investment. We had no savings or business experience and were still living with our parents.

"The Prince's Trust really believed in us and took a chance on our idea. They approved our business plan and gave us a loan and a business mentor."

East of India has grown steadily every year and the company's products are now sold in more than 2,000 outlets in the UK, as well as in countries as far away as Japan.

It also employs 36 people in Folkestone and 400 people in Bali, where most of the products are made.

The man who made the gifts Anne and John originally brought home from Bali still works for the company and

has now enlisted the help of his entire village.

Anne said: "By giving us a chance and believing in our idea, the Prince's Trust has helped create jobs not just for us, but for hundreds of other people. We'll always be grateful to the trust for helping us get this far."

Even in the face of the recent recession and rising youth unemployment, more than three in four young people supported by the charity have moved into work, education or training.

Many of the youngsters have overcome challenges such as abuse, depression, addiction and homelessness.

Film star Kevin Spacey and singer Rod Stewart were among the celebrities who attended the birthday celebration, as were Gravesend's former Bond girl Gemma Arterton, and Cooling-based musician Jools Holland.

The Later presenter said: "Many young people have very low confidence and self-esteem before receiving support from the trust."

"At the reception I met people who were given a hand as far back as the 1980s, who now run successful global businesses. It just goes to show what can be achieved when someone believes in you."

Log on to the Prince's Trust's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/princestrust to be in with a chance of winning prizes including a BlackBerry PlayBook tablet and an HP mini laptop.

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email steve.knight@archant.co.uk or give him a call on 01303 817136.



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Silver surfers invited to learn new internet skills from digital charity

WANNABE silver surfers are invited to take part in a new computer skills training course for the over-50s.

The 14-week course is due to start next month and is being run in Tunbridge Wells by the charity Sound Architect Creative Media.

Dates, times and locations are yet to be confirmed.

A spokesman said: "Not only will the participants be able to keep in touch with the younger members of their families, but

also they will learn how to use the internet in a safe and easy way. The aim is to ensure people do not feel so isolated by helping them keep up-to-date with changing technology – even ordering and arranging delivery of their weekly shopping if they are unable to get to a supermarket."

Sound Architect Creative Media aims to promote awareness, creativity and education using digital technology, with the belief that everyone should

have the opportunity to explore his or her creativity.

Since 2003 the charity has managed and facilitated more than 1,000 programmes and worked with more than 4,500 participants.

The over-50s computer course costs £2 per session with equipment and refreshments provided.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Call 07592 021590 to book.

Construction students don their hard hats

CONSTRUCTION students at Bromley College experienced a day on the building site thanks to Ward Homes.

The 20 diploma pupils, aged 16-18, were given a tour of the Trinity Village development to give them an insight into working life.

Daniel Bogle, programme area leader for construction at the college, said: "It is great that Ward Homes have given the students the opportunity to visit a site such as Trinity Village.

"The new development is just across the road from the college and we've been watching the build process from afar with great interest over the last year, so it was great to get past the hoarding and see the site up close.

"We have great facilities at the college, but with subjects like construction there is only so much you can teach in a classroom.

"We appreciate the team at Ward taking the time to show the students around and answer any questions they may have on the building industry. Who knows, a few years from now they could be working for Ward on a site just like this."

Situated on Crown Lane, the Trinity Village development – built in association with Asprey Homes – will comprise a range of one and two-bedroom apartments, as well as two, three and four-bedroom family homes.

Site manager Dave Strand said: "It was a real pleasure to have the students on site for the afternoon. I remember when I was training and we were all eager to get out onto a real



POINTING THE WAY: Site manager Dave Strand

construction site. "I gave the students a talk about the site, the build process and site safety, and then took them on a hard-hat tour of the development.

"There is no better way to learn about the construction trade than practical hands-on experience on a working site like we have here in Bromley, and we were glad we could offer our help."

Visit www.bromley.ac.uk for more information about the range of diploma subjects and other qualifications available.

Public service and leadership put to the test with new qualification

AN INDEPENDENT school near Maidstone has been chosen as the first in Kent to pioneer a new qualification in public service and leadership.

Thirteen pupils from Sutton Valence School recently completed a six-day residential course at the RAF training centre in Windermere as part of the BTEC qualification.

In addition to activities such as kayaking, canoeing, climbing and abseiling, the youngsters also learned about the

work needed to organise and manage outdoor activities.

Teacher Glen Millberry, who accompanied the group, said: "We passionately believe a challenging co-curricular programme helps produce confident, socially responsible individuals.

"This new qualification also meets our goal of encouraging public service and citizenship."

Sutton Valence School offers more than 40 after-hours activities to its students every

week. Every pupil chooses at least two of the activities, which range from community service and debating, to fencing and cooking.

Other extra-curricular activities enjoyed by youngsters in recent months include a group who explored the jungles of Borneo, another who learned how to fly an aeroplane, and a third who taught underprivileged children in an Indian village. Visit www.svs.org.uk for more information.

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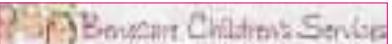
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Ref: P0675

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Recruitment Placement Co-ordinator

Ref: P0320

Salary: £18,759 - £22,753 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

The College is seeking an outstanding individual to oversee and co-ordinate the operation of the Job Shop services. You will establish and develop business links with external employers to provide suitable employment opportunities for our students. Ideally, the successful candidate will hold CPP/CRP qualifications or equivalent.

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Ref: P0578

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking for a highly organised individual to contribute to the smooth running of the HR services based at the Royal School of Military Engineering. You will assist the HR Advisor and the Head of HR with administrative responsibilities and act as first point of contact for staff. You will ensure the day to day tasks are completed efficiently, working closely with Managers, assisting the payroll team and dealing with general HR queries for staff on all levels.

Closing date: 12 noon, Wednesday 3 August 2011.

For an informal discussion regarding any of these roles, please contact the HR Department on 01634 383511. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, vulnerable adults and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated staff, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

15 hours per week, all year

Salary: £10,374 - £12,245

To provide expertise, guidance and support to the College on the planning, management and implementation of PR activities. To proactively promote Thanet College raising its profile locally, regionally and nationally. To be responsible for all communication with the media and to promote very high standards in a positive and supportive culture that aspires to be outstanding.

Closing date: 12th August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: PR0001

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RAISING ASPIRATIONS - DEVELOPING SKILLS - DELIVERING QUALITY

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

PROGRAMME AREA MANAGER CONSTRUCTION

37 hours per week, all year
Salary: £33,917 - £38,358

To be responsible for managing a programme area and to promote very high standards in a positive and supportive culture that aspires to be outstanding.

PROGRAMME LEADER ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

37 hours per week, all year
Salary: £29,413 - £34,817

To deliver high quality teaching and learning, lead the effective co-ordination and development of programmes and take a lead role in the planning and delivery of specified programmes within the Programme Area.

LECTURER IN BRICKWORK

Salary: £25,589 - £30,205

To raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Construction Area.

Closing date: 27 July 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: PAMC001

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We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

FACILITIES TEAM LEADER

37 hours per week, all year

Salary: £19,659 - £23,040

To support the Head of Facilities in the running of the colleges Facilities / goods in Departments.

This role will provide guidance and information to staff regarding everyday operations and assist in the execution of college's facilities duties.

This is very much, a hands on role and can be very demanding at times, working closely with the college maintenance and support teams to ensure that continuity of service is maintained across the Facilities division.

DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT FIXED TERM FOR ONE YEAR TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE

25 HOURS PER WEEK, 38 WEEKS PER YEAR

Salary: £8,167 - £8,786

To support the Divisional administrator in the day to day running of the divisional administration office.

Closing date: 27 July 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: PAMC002

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We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

CLEANER – TRAINING SOLUTIONS BUSINESS CENTRE X 2

**Salary scale: £3,457.48 - £3,672.76
for 10 hours per week, all year**

The College is looking to recruit two reliable and thorough cleaners for our new, professional business centre at Manston Business Park.

One post is for mornings, one for evenings.

Closing date: Wednesday 3rd August 2011

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Job reference: CTS001

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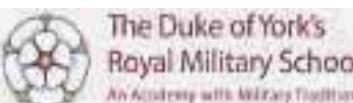


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Closing date: 22nd July
Interviews: 28th July

An application form and further details can be obtained by contacting
01304 245029 or emailing
personnel.office@doymrs.com
or website **www.doymrs.com**

Please note that the post is offered subject to receipt of two professional references. All relevant information must be included on the application form.

CVs will not be accepted.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure by the CRB /ISA

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 43

KCC/DO/0299/2011 - Proposed development at Tilmanstone Salads, Millyard Way, Eynhorne, Dover, Kent, CT15 4NL.

Tilmanstone Salads is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the construction of a water recycling plant.

You may view this application at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/AS/0306/2011 - Proposed development at Charing Church of England Primary School, School Road, Charing, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0JN.

The Governors of Charing Church of England Primary School are applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a timber framed shelter for parents use. The proposed development is adjacent to the Charing Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance, and also may affect the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at the following locations: -

- Ashford Borough Council, Central Reception in the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford
- The Gateway Centre, 14 Park Mall, Ashford
- Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 24 July 2011

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Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/0361/S - LAND OFF, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN, KENT - Outline application for the provision of new sports club ground (to include cricket pitches, artificial multi-purpose/hockey pitches, site manager's accommodation, hockey practice area, tennis courts, cricket nets, floodlights, sports hall, club house and car parking) including change of use from agriculture, with access to be determined and all other matters reserved for subsequent approval. **Reason: 6, 7, 9**

MA/11/0877/S - LITTLE CHEVENY FARM, SHEEPHURST LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9NX - Listed Building Consent for installation of photo voltaic panels to south-facing roof of outbuilding. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0878/S - LITTLE CHEVENY FARM, SHEEPHURST LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9NX - Installation of photo voltaic panels to south-facing roof of outbuilding. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0927/M - 77A, EYNHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBURY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TS - Erection of a single storey conservatory at the rear of the existing house. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/0985/N - FORMER KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC & AURAL HOSPITAL, CHURCH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1DT - Installation of vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0986/N - FORMER KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC & AURAL HOSPITAL, CHURCH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1DT - Listed building consent for the installation of vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1014/M - 7, COLMAN PARADE, KING STREET, MAIDSTONE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1DJ - Application to allow an interchangeable use of the unit for uses falling within Use Classes A1, A2 and A3. **Reason: 9**

MA/11/1024/N - LAND AT 15, 17, 36, BROCKENHURST AVENUE, AND 25, 27, MARION CRESCENT, MAIDSTONE, KENT - Demolition of 25 and 27 Marion Crescent and erection of 14 dwellings. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/1041/N - THE RECTORY, CHURCH ROAD, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8SB - Listed building consent for internal alterations to convert existing lean-to with WC/cloakroom and second kitchen into a family bathroom, including removal of interior wall, the erection of new stud wall and suspended ceiling and the installation of secondary glazing to three windows. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1046/M - 261, WILLINGTON STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8EP - Erection of new boundary wall and fencing to front boundary including new entrance gates. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1048/S - 4, HAVIKER STREET, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RG - An application for listed building consent for a first floor side extension. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1054/N - LAND ADJACENT THE COTTAGE, SUTTON STREET, BEARSTED, KENT, ME14 4HP - Erection of 1no detached new dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1055/S - 4, HAVIKER STREET, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RG - Erection of a first floor side extension and a garden shed. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1057/N - BE PAMPERED HAIR AND BEAUTY, 33, UPPER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6EU - Change of use of ground floor to 1no one bedroom dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1062/M - 37, UPPER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6EU - Change of use of ground floor to 1no studio apartment. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1064/S - THE OLD BARN, FANT FARM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8DE - Conversion of attic space to music room/study, installation of conservation roof lights to hip end of main roof, installation of new window to west elevation and new glazed screen to entrance hall. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1068/S - THE OLDE THATCH, LADDINGTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BX - Internal alterations to the first floor to convert existing bedroom into bathroom including repositioning of stud wall, introduction of oak boarded doors and works to existing walls. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1070/N - PROPOSED KENT CLINIC INSTITUTE, NEWNHAM PARK, BEARSTED ROAD, WEAVING, KENT - Variation of condition 5 of planning permission MA/09/0973 which currently reads; 'No work on the site access road to serve the development site or commencement of the construction of the clinic buildings shall take place until the new roundabout on Bearsted Road has been completed in accordance with a detailed design and specification to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning and highway authorities prior to the commencement of any work. The details shall include the provision of suitable pedestrian crossing points, details of the proposed wildlife tunnels and details showing how the existing stream passing under Bearsted Road will be treated and bridged. The scheme shall be constructed in accordance with the subsequently approved details.' to read; 'The proposed development shall not be occupied until the new roundabout on Bearsted Road has been completed in accordance with a detailed design and specification to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning and highway authorities prior to the commencement of any work on the roundabout. The details shall include the provision of suitable pedestrian crossing points, details of the proposed wildlife tunnels and details showing how the existing stream passing under Bearsted Road will be treated and bridged. The scheme shall be constructed in accordance with the subsequently approved details.'

Reason: 6

MA/11/1075/M - KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, SESSIONS HOUSE, COUNTY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1XQ - An application for listed building consent for internal alterations including new partition. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1081/S - LITTLE BENOVER FARM, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AS - Erection of detached annexe building to provide additional living accommodation - Resubmission of MA/99/1749. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is Major Development.
- 5 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
- 6 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.
- 7 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.
- 8 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **7th August 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 24th July 2011

Public
Notices

PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/01920/HOUSE **Brenchley Manor Brenchley Road, Brenchley**
Proposed alterations to the kitchen outbuildings and the demolition and replacement of the existing conservatory (LB) (CA)

11/01921/LBC **Brenchley Manor Brenchley Road, Brenchley**
Listed Building Consent - Proposed alterations to the kitchen outbuildings and the demolition and replacement of the existing conservatory (LB)

11/02005/HOUSE **Matfield House The Green, Brenchley**
Alterations to front railings (CA) (LB)

11/02009/LBC **Matfield House The Green, Brenchley**
Listed Building Consent: Alterations to front railings (LB)

11/01890/FUL **York Cottage Major Yorks Road, Broadwater**
Conversion of archive storage (previously garage) and construction of a pitched roof in order to create a 1-bedroom holiday let to the rear and side (CA) (DEVPLN) (LB)

11/01950/FUL **Flat D 46 Broadwater Down, Broadwater**
Provision of new entrance door and canopy; new french doors and rooflights to kitchen/dining area (CA)

11/01938/LBC Hill House The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
Listed Building Consent - Remove existing 1940's-1950's crudely built female toilet block set into building recess to rear between main house and medieval cloister walk hall; To repair fabric and to restore as much as is reasonably possible to previous original state; To remove rear single door from rear wall of entrance hallway and replace with centrally positioned pair of partly glazed doors to gardens at rear; To replace protective railings, probably removed as part of "war effort" 1940's-1950's; The new replacement railings set on rendered brickwork wall to accommodate sloping frontage; Replace existing flat cut 20th century ply balusters to staircase first - second floor (LB)

11/01940/FUL **Cranbrook School Waterloo Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
Solar panels (LB) (CA)

11/01956/LBC **Bell Cottage The Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
Listed Building Consent: Replace lower front elevation window, replace and renew decayed weatherboarding where required (LB)

11/02029/LBC **Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
Listed Building Consent: Proposed replacement of metal framed windows and timber with traditional style timber purpose made single rebated single glazed and painted white to match existing windows to be retained (LB)

11/01824/HOUSE **Curtisden Green Farmhouse Curtisden Green Lane, Goudhurst**
Installation of a free standing solar tracking system and 15 solar PV panels in the garden (LB)

11/02028/LBC **Alendra House High Street, Goudhurst**
Listed Building Consent Internal alteration to create opening in modern brickwork between kitchen and conservatory; If/Infill existing opening from lounge to kitchen and create a larder in kitchen (LB)

11/02032/CAC **Village Life The Stores, Goudhurst**
Conservation Area Consent: Proposed demolition of outbuildings to the west of the stores (CA)

11/01982/HOUSE **Woodsden Barn Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
Single storey extension on west elevation (LB)

11/01985/LBC **Woodsden Barn Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
Listed Building Consent: Single storey extension on west elevation (LB)

11/02022/FUL **Sandhole Cottage Lamberhurst Road, Horshamden**
Replacement agricultural building Alternative position for planning approval TW/10/02075/FUL (LB)

11/01675/FUL/MJ **Lots 1 - 14 Longbrooks Farm, Paddock Wood**
Water borehole and irrigation system (retrospective); 0.9 metres high stock boundary fencing, storage barn with integral toilet, new access from Pearson's Green Road and parking area for five vehicles (MAJOR)

11/01988/FUL **Pantiles House 2 Nevill Street, Pantiles & St Marks**
Change of use of ground floor from D2 to B1 office use (CA)

11/01946/LBC **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Town Hall, Park**
Listed Building Consent: Alterations to widen existing door opening (LB)

11/01770/LBC **Bentham Farm East Victoria Road, Southborough North**
Listed Building Consent: Six conservation style rooflights (LB)

11/01844/CAC **Hollands Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of garage block (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 23 July 2011



MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR

CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Russell Hotel, 136 Boxley Road, Maidstone**

Applicant: **Mr Brian Nelson**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford**BEAVER ROAD, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beaver Road, Ashford, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bond Road and Norman Road.

The alternative route is via Jemmott Road and Bond Road.

**FINN FARM ROAD, KINGSNORTH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of urgent repairs to the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Finn Farm Road, Kingsnorth, on or after 28 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the bridge over the A2070.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Ashford Road, Hamstreet Road, Capel Road, Stone Cross Road, Ashford Road and Brockmans Lane.

**THE STREET, MERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Mersham, on or after Sunday 24 July 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A20 Hythe Road and Old Rectory Close.

The alternative route is via The Street, Kingsford Street, Highfield Lane and A20 Hythe Road.

Please note this date differs from that initially notified

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury**CHURCH LANE, STURRY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Sturry, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in sections along its length.

There is no alternative route, as Church Lane is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

There will only be limited access to The Hamels, as it is also a No Through Road.

**GILES LANE, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Giles Lane, Canterbury, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases from Gorseyfield to the junction with University Road.

The alternative route is via A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, St Stephen's Hill and Giles Lane.

**GROVE ROAD, WICKHAMBREAUX
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new transformer and road crossing for a new electrical supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Nether Quaives and Kelsey Farms. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with The List and Green Lane.

The alternative routes are

North eastwards (towards Grove) via Wickham Court Lane, Hollybush Lane, Stodmarsh Road and Grove Road.

South westwards (towards Wickhambreaux) via Grove Road, The Street, Preston Lane, Preston Road, Preston Hill, High Street, Wingham, A257 Canterbury Road, Nargate Street and Wickham Road.

**A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY, HERNE BAY
(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay, on or after 26 July 2011, as follows

- a) To impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 miles per hour
- b) To prohibit overtaking

The section of (Old) Thanet Way affected is between a point 240 metres west of the junction with Westbrook Lane and a point 240 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane inclusive.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public arising from lorry movements into and out of the Household Waste Recycling Centre, and to avoid congestion in Westbrook Lane and Sea Street.

This Order is in effect for an indefinite period, until permanent junction improvements can be introduced.

**STUPPINGTON LANE & RENVILLE FARM ROAD,
CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to re-waterproof and resurface bridge decks over the A2, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stuppington Lane & Renville Farm Road, Canterbury, on or after 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

STUPPINGTON LANE, CANTERBURY will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Merton Lane, B2068 Nackington Lane, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road and South Canterbury Road.

RENVILLE FARM ROAD, CANTERBURY will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Renville Farm Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A2 New Dover Road on/off slip, Bifrons Hill, Bekesbourne Road and A2050 New Dover Road

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CANTERBURY)****(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
(AMENDMENT NO.4) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order, under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and 4(2), 32(1), 35(1) and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to implement no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the entire length of Homersham and at the junctions with Birch Road, Gilbert Way, Scott Avenue and Hollow Lane

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury and between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays at Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to The Transportation and Development Manager, East Kent Area, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk

By 12 Noon on Monday 15/08/2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover**ALBERT ROAD, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new transformer and road crossing for a new electrical supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Nether Quaives and Kelsey Farms. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with The List and Green Lane.

The alternative routes are

North eastwards (towards Grove) via Wickham Court Lane, Hollybush Lane, Stodmarsh Road and Grove Road.

For further information, please contact

**Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albert Road, Deal, on or after 9 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Middle Deal Road and the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Albert Road, London Road, West Street and Western Road.

**BRIDGE STREET, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay, on or after 26 July 2011, as follows

- a) To impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 miles per hour
- b) To prohibit overtaking

Because of works to clear a blocked duct in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting northbound through traffic on Bridge Street, Dover, on or after 9 August 2011 for up to 2 evenings or until the works have been completed.

The northbound carriageway of Bridge Street will be closed at the junction with A256 High Street, so that there will be no access from High Street or Tower Hamlets Road into Bridge Street.

The alternative route is via A256 London Road, Cherry Tree Avenue, Barton Road and Frith Road.

It is planned the works will be carried out between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm each evening, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

Traffic from Bridge Street into London Road and Tower Hamlets will be unaffected.

**RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM & WATERWORKS HILL,
LANGDON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rusham Road, Wingham & Waterworks Hill, Langdon, as shown below.

RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM will be closed between the junctions with Nash Road and Beute Lane

From 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days

The alternative route is via Nash Road, A257 Pedding Hill, A257 Roman Road and Beute Lane

WATERWORKS HILL, LANGDON will be closed between the junctions with Forge Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane

From 1 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Vale Road, Wington Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (RURAL)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

WOOTTON LANE, WOOTTON will be closed from the junction with Stockham Lane to Selsted Primary School from 8 August for 1 day.

The alternative route is via Stockham Lane, A260 Canterbury Road, Denton Lane and Wootton Lane

BRIDGE HILL, NORTHBORNE, will be closed between A258 Deal Road and Burgess Green, from 9 August 2011 for 1 day.

The alternative route is via A258 Deal Road, Burgess Green

PRESTON HILL, WINGHAM will be closed near the junction with A257 High Street from 13 August 2011 for up to 2 days.

The alternative route is via A257 Gobury Hill, A257 Roman Road, A257 Pedding Hill, Nash Road, Preston Road, Preston Hill

B2046 ADISHAM ROAD, WINGHAM will be closed near the junction with A257 High Street, from 15 August for 1 night

The alternative route is via A257 High Street, Gobury Hill, Roman Road, Ash Bypass, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A256 Eastry Bypass, Whitfield Bypass, A2, B2046 Adisham Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford**ST MARGARET ROAD, DARTFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St Margaret Road, Dartford between Holmesdale Hill and Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gills Road, Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Roman Villa Road and Holmesdale Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of gas main.

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
AMENDMENT TO ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1 (1) 2 (1) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order will amend the Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Consolidation 2008 Order by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Maidstone:

Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea	West	From a point 20m north of its junction with Heath Road for a distance of 41m in a northerly direction
Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea	East	From a point 29m north of its junction with Heath Road for a distance of 126m in a northerly direction
Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea	North	From a point in line with the junction of Hubbards Lane in a easterly direction for a distance of 40m
Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea	North	From a point in line with the junction of Hubbards Lane in a westerly direction for a distance of 32m

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 22 August 2011.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under sections 1 (1) 2 (1) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order is necessary for safety reasons and will make stopping on the 'School Keep Clear' zig zag markings on the following lengths of road from Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 9.00am and



from 14.30pm to 16.00pm an infringement which may be dealt with by the issue of a penalty charge notice.

Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea across the frontage of the Cornwallis School for its entire length.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 22 August 2011

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
AMENDMENT 8 ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1 (i) 2 (i) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (i) and (2), 32 (i) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order will amend the Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Consolidation 2008 Order by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Maidstone:

Bazalgette Rise	Both	From a point in line with the junction with Milton Street to a point in line with its junction with Hartnup Street for the entire length.
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A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 25th August 2011.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BAZALGETTE RISE, MAIDSTONE) (ONE WAY)
ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with f Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will prohibit any vehicle from travelling south to north on Bazalgette Rise, Maidstone, from the junction with Milton Street to the junction with Hartnup Street

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, King Street, Maidstone Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 15th August 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)
(RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING,
LOADING AND UNLOADING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER
(AMENDMENT NO 11) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(i), 2(i) to (3), 3(2), 4(i) and (2), 32(i), 35(i), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be:

Location	Proposal
1 Brockhill Road / Seaton Avenue, Hythe	Double yellow lines at the junction
2 Cooling Lane / Westbourne Court, Folkestone	Double yellow lines at the junction

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way.

Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Donna Rixson, Transportation Engineer, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on 15 August 2011.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)
(RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING,
LOADING AND UNLOADING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER
2010 (AMENDMENT NO 11)**

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)
(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOLS)
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 1)**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has introduced "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions at various locations within the District of Shepway.

The proposal has removed obstructions caused by parked vehicles at locations where visibility is impaired, thus causing concern about safety. It was therefore considered the most appropriate method to prevent motorists parking in inappropriate locations was by introducing double yellow lines.

Existing School - Keep Clear Markings at various locations within the district have been made enforceable and will be upgraded where appropriate, with signing to remind motorists of the importance of providing clear access to school sites.

The locations subject to "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions are:

Roads in Folkestone:

Beatty Road / Wood Avenue
Harcourt Road / Surrender Road
Jointon Road / Shorecliffe Road (A259)
Langdon Road / Weymouth Road

Roads in Hawkinge:

Canterbury Road / Harvest Way
Canterbury Road / Uphill

Roads in Hythe:

Ashford Road (A20) / Stone Street
Cobay Close / Twiss Road

Roads in Lynminge:

Church Road / High Street

Roads in New Romney:

Craythorne Lane / Rolfe Lane

A copy of the Orders which shall come into operation on Monday 25th July 2011, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3XH, at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY and where possible at local Parish and Town Council Offices.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**PAINTER'S FORSTAL ROAD, OSPRINGE & CHAMPION COURT ROAD, NEWNHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to re-waterproof and resurface bridge decks over the M2 Motorway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting

through traffic on Painter's Forstal Road, Ospringe and Champion Court Road, Newham, as shown below.

PAINTER'S FORSTAL ROAD (WATER LANE), OSPRINGE

will be closed at the bridge over the M2 Motorway, from 8 August 2011 for up to 3 weeks.

The alternative route is via Hanslett's Lane, Well Lane, Faversham Road and Abbot's Hill

CHAMPION COURT ROAD, NEWNHAM

will be closed at the bridge over the M2 Motorway, from 14 August 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Sharsted Hill, The Street, Faversham Road, and Straight Hill (Homestall Road).

**PERRY WOOD, SELLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Perry Wood, Selling, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of No.121 (near Monkton Primary School).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Willets Hill and Collets Hill.

The alternative route is via Willets Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road.

**PRIORY ROAD, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priory Road, Faversham, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Bysing Wood Road / Dark Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Davington Hill and Priory Road.

**THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable safe access to the overhead cable network to restore service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Throwley Road, Throwley, on or after 12 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Almshouse Road and a point south of the access leading to Park Farm.

The alternative route is via Throwley Road, Leaveland Belles Forstal, A251 Ashford Road and Baghill Road.

**VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE
(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order to reverse the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Terrace Road, Harold Road and Thomas Road.

This Order takes effect on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed, and is valid when the appropriate signs are displayed on site.

The effect of the order is that traffic will now flow westbound in Thomas Road, southbound in the section of Harold Road between Thomas Road and Terrace Road, and eastbound in Terrace Road.

There will be No Right Turn from Terrace Road into Murston Road. Traffic will be diverted along Murston Road to the roundabout at the junction with Woodberry Drive.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**DURBAN ROAD, MARGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Durban Road, Margate, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Addiscombe Road and College Road.

**MONKTON STREET, MONKTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Monkton Street, Kent, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of No.121 (near Monkton Primary School).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Willets Hill and Collets Hill.

The alternative route is via Willets Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road.

**ST PETER'S ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new waste water connection to a property, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Peter's Road, Broadstairs, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Upton Road.

The alternative route is via St Peter's Road, Green Lane, A255 Broadstairs Road and St Peter's Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 37)
ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(i), 2(i) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(i), 35(i), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be:

Ethelbert Crescent, Margate: to extend existing prohibition of waiting at any time (double yellow lines) by 3.5 metres in a westerly direction from its junction with Edgar Road, outside Franks nightclub.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way

Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 15th August 2011

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling and District of Sevenoaks

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(EGGPIE LANE, HILDENBOROUGH, SCABHARBOUR ROAD, LEIGH, BAILEYS HILL ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991



For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 25th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Eggi Lane, Hildenborough
Extent: 75 metres south of Durhams Farm
Dates: Start: 25th July 2011
 End: 7th August 2011
Diversion: Scabharbour Road, Philpots Lane
Road Name: Scabharbour Road, Leigh
Extent: 150 metres south of Gaza Trading Estate
Dates: Start: 8th August 2011
 End: 19th August 2011
Diversion: Eggi Lane, Philpots Lane, Scabharbour Road, HGV's Philpots Lane, Watts Cross Road, B245 London Road, Morley's Road, Scabharbour Road
Road Name: Baileys Hill Road, Chiddingstone
Extent: 50 metres south of Sharps Cottage
Dates: Start: 9th August 2011
 End: 11th August 2011
Diversion: Bowzell Green, Bowzells Lane, Bowzell Road, Hale Oak Road, B2027 Penshurst Road, Bore Place Road

Spiecapag UK Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a steel oil pipeline. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tom Worley on 01295 220330.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PENSURST ROAD, SPELDHURST)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Penshurst Road from the junction of Northfields to Milford House on or after Monday 25th July 2011 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Penshurst Road, Poundsbridge Lane, B2176 Penshurst Road, Barden Road, Northfields.

For further information, please contact
 Kent Highway Services,
 on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact John Adsley on 07774 983491.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(SHEFFIELD ROAD, SOUTHBOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sheffield Road between Draper Street and Castle Street on or after Monday 25th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Draper Street, Pennington Road, Castle Street.

UK Power Networks Ltd and Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for electrical maintenance works and a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and SGN is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(WAGON LANE, LEVEL CROSSING, PADDOCK WOOD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Wagon Lane at the level crossing on or after Saturday 30th July 2011 for a period of up to 2 nights between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Wagon Lane, Queen Street, Lucks Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for examination of the rails, lifting, repairing and packing the rails, maintenance of crossing surface and signage. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Emma Osborne on 07791 179882.

Katherine Kerswell
 Group Managing Director
 Invicta House
 County Hall,
 Maidstone
 Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 23rd July 2011



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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Local Government Act 2000

1. As required by the Local Government Act 2000, each month Kent County Council publishes a Forward Plan of key decisions expected to be taken during the following six calendar months. The definition of a key decision is "an executive decision which is likely to:

- (a) result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or in the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, (the current figure which applies to this is unbudgeted savings or expenditure of £1m).
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral division in the area of the local authority."

2. Each Forward Plan contains a list of documents that will be submitted to the decision-makers for consideration in relation to the decisions to be made. Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, any document listed in the Forward Plan are available, together with any other relevant documents, from the person named in the appropriate Forward Plan entry.

The dates for publication of this plan during the next 12 months are:

Wednesday 4 January to 29 June 2012
 Wednesday 1 February to 27 July 2012
 Thursday 1 March to 31 August 2012
 Monday 2 April to 28 September 2012
 Tuesday 1 May to 31 October 2012
 Friday 1 June to 30 November 2012
 Monday, 2 July to 28 December 2012
 Wednesday 1 August to 31 January 2013
 Monday 3 September to 28 February 2013
 Monday 1 October to 29 March 2013
 Thursday 1 November to 30 April 2013
 Monday 3 December to 31 May 2013

The Forward Plan of key decisions can be read on www.kent.gov.uk/your council and at the Council's Corporate Library throughout Kent.

Geoffrey Wild, Director of Governance and Law,
 Kent County Council, Sessions House,
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BIRTHS

GEARING

Karl and Emma celebrate the birth of their son Ryan John James Gearing who was born on 4th July, 2011.

MCNEILL

Leanne and Leon are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Lexie, born on the 9th July, 2011. Love you loads, Mummy and Daddy. xxx

MWAIWA

Vincent and Sharon Mwaiwa celebrate the birth of their son Kimanthi Casey Mwaiwa on the 13th July, 2011. Our most beautiful and precious son.

WILLMOTT / HORN

Robert Anthony Terry Horn born on 7th July, 2011, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Julie and Anthony of Maidstone.

DEATHS

ADETOLA

Esther Adetola sadly passed away on 11th July, 2011. She will be missed by all her children and family. The funeral will be held on 4th August, 2011, at Eltham Cemetery at 11am.

CROSBY-EMERY

Avril Crosby-Emery passed away peacefully on the 13th July, 2011. Funeral service at St Michaels Church, Hythe, on the 3rd August, 2011, at 10:45. Now breaking up bread for the birds in God's garden.

HARRIS

Peter - 5th February, 1977 - 7th July, 2011. Peter was a wonderful son, brother and uncle. He was loved by all and will be sorely missed. A true gentleman, one in a million and sadly taken too soon. Love you always, Mum, Dad, Steven, Amanda and Jasmin. Rest in Peace. Please contact Leverton Funeral Services, Dartford, for funeral arrangements.

PAIGE

Evelyn Louise Paige passed away after a short illness in hospital. An irreplaceable figure in the Weald. She was much loved by all her nieces, family, and earned the love of all of her friends. Church service and burial will be held at St George's Church on Thursday, 28th July, at 3pm. Home grown flowers appreciated. Donations to be advised. Please contact W & F Groombridge, Funeral Directors, 49 St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9TP, 01892 525004.

READ

Patricia Grace Read (nee Wicks) passed away suddenly at her home on 9th July, 2011. A much loved mum, nan and great grandma who will be sadly missed. Funeral enquiries to Earl and Co, Ashford, 01233 620522.

SINGH

Tara Singh passed away peacefully on 9th July, 2011. He will be sadly missed. He was loved by all.

PROW - District of Shepway**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOTPATH HM115 (PART) OLD ROMNEY)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HM115 which commences at NGR TR 0151 2217 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a southerly direction for 365 metres to join with Public Bridleway HM117 at NGR TR 0151 2181 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order Plan; and to add a new length of public footpath numbered HM115 with a width of 2.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0151 2217 (Point A) on the Order plan, and runs in a south-easterly direction for 285 metres along a defined farm track to NGR TR 0173 2199 (Point C). Between points A-C on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOTPATHS HM117 (PART) & HL27 (PART) OLD ROMNEY & LYDD)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public bridleway numbered HL27 which commences at NGR TR 0215 2100 (Point A) on the Order plan, continuing in a west north-westerly direction for 330 metres to NGR TR 0181 2106 (Point B) the route then runs in a north-westerly direction for 339 metres to NGR TR 0152 2125 (Point C) where Public Bridleway HL27 changes number to HM117;

And (b) that length of public bridleway HM117 which commences at NGR TR 0152 2125 (Point C) and runs in a generally north-westerly direction for 327 metres to NGR TR 0125 2144 (Point D). The route then continues in a westerly direction for 278 metres to NGR TR 0098 2146 (Point E), the route then turns in a north-north-westerly direction for 65 metres to NGR TR 0094 2151 (Point F), then in a north-easterly direction for 1,244 metres to NGR TR 0198 2212 (Point G). Between points A-B-C-D-E-F-G on the Order plan;

And to add a new lengths of public bridleway (a) numbered HL27 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at NGR TR 0215 2100 (Point A) and runs in a west south-westerly direction for 284 metres to NGR TR 0187 2094 (Point H), the route then runs in a north-westerly direction for 471 metres to NGR TR 0151 2124 (Point I) where the route changes number to HM117;

And a new length of public bridleway numbered HM117 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at NGR TR 0151 2124 (Point I) and continues in a north-westerly direction for 320 metres to NGR TR 0125 2144 (Point D) along a defined farm track. The route then turns in a northerly direction for 354 metres to NGR TR 0132 2174 (Point J), and then runs in a generally north-easterly direction for 740 metres to NGR TR 0198 2212 (Point G). Between points A-H-I-D-J-G on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOTPATH HL14 LYDD)****PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered HL14 which commences at its junction with Public Footpath HL26 (NGR TR 0316 2041) (Point A) and runs in a south-westerly direction for 528 metres to its termination on Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0277 2005 (Point B), as shown between points A-B on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOTPATH HM4 (PART) OLD ROMNEY)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HM4 which commences at NGR TR 0001 2140 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a easterly direction for 733 metres to NGR TR 0073 2134 (Point B) before turning in a south-easterly direction for approximately 110 metres to NGR TR 0080 2125 (Point C) finally turning in a north-easterly direction for 279 metres to its termination on Public Bridleway HM117 at NGR TR 0100 2146 (Point D). Between points A, B, C & D on the Order plan; and will add a new length of public footpath numbered HM4 with a width of 4.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0001 2140 (Point A) on the Order plan, and runs in a south-easterly direction for 683 metres along a defined farm track to NGR TR 0059 2108 (Point E). Between points A-E on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY HL48 LYDD)****PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to create a new length of Public Bridleway numbered HL48 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0351 2041 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north-westerly direction for 15 metres to NGR TR 0350 2042 (Point B) then in a south-westerly direction for 227 metres to NGR TR 0333 2027 (Point C) before turning in a north-westerly direction for 133 metres to NGR TR 0322 2034, the route then turns in a south-westerly direction for 539 metres to join with Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0277 2005 (Point E). Between points A, B, C & E as shown on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY HM221 OLD ROMNEY)****PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to create a new length of Public Bridleway numbered HM221 with a width of 4.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0067 2096 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north-westerly direction for 150 metres to NGR TR 0059 2108 (Point B), the route then runs in a north-easterly direction for 997 metres to NGR TR 0132 2174 (Point C). Between points A-B-C on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BYWAY HE228**IN THE PARISHES OF POSTLING AND STANFORD****(PUBLIC BYWAY HE228)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Byway HE228 between Stoney Street and Postling Wents (A20) for its entire length, from 15th July 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of 6 months.

The path is to be closed because of danger to users due to ground conditions.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

PROW - Borough of Swale**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART)****IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZR108 between Gemstone Court (NGR TQ 893 647) and the junction with Sonora Way (NGR TQ 892 648) from the 15th July 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users. The alternative route is along Jacinth Drive and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZU56, MILTON REGIS)****DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 11th July 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with an initial width of 2.0 metres for 63.2 metres and 1.0 metre for the remaining 51.9 metres. The path commences on Middlethorpe Avenue between properties numbered 43 and 45 and runs south-south-eastwards for 30.4 metres between garden walls, thence east-south-eastwards for 32.8 metres, and thence south-south-eastwards for 51.9 metres between fences where it connects to Vicarage Road between properties numbered 18 and 20.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 11th July 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 24th July 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - District of Thanet**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE FORMER EXCLUDED AREA OF RAMSGATE**

On the 23rd day of May 2011 the following Orders were confirmed by the Kent County Council without modifications. The effect of these Orders as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the former Excluded Area of Ramsgate by adding public footpaths as described below and as shown on the plans attached to the Orders:-

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate - Order No. 1(Public Footpaths TRX14, TRX15, TRX16, TRX33 and TRX35 Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of this Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX14) which commences on London Road between properties numbered 107 and 109 and runs in a north-easterly direction for 61 metres to connect with a Public Footpath (TRX15) which commences between property numbers 69A and 71 Ashburnham Road and runs north-westerly for 26 metres to join High Street St Lawrence opposite property number 57; a Public Footpath (TRX16) which commences between property numbers 35 and 37 Bloomsbury Road and runs north-westerly for 26 metres to join King Edward Road adjacent to property number 12; a Public Footpath (TRX33) which commences between property numbers 86 and 88 South Eastern Road and runs in an easterly direction to junction with Duncan Road between property numbers 57 and 59; a Public Footpath (TRX35) which commences on Picton Road between property number 48 and 50 and runs in an easterly direction for 60 metres to connect with South Eastern Road between property numbers 99 and 101.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate - Order No.2 (Public Footpaths TRX4, TRX5, TRX7, TRX8, TRX9, TRX10, TRX11, TRX12, TRX13, TRX34, TRX37, TRX38, TRX44, TRX45 and TRX48) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011. The effect of this Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX4) known as Charlotte's Court which commences from York Street adjacent to property 4A and runs in an easterly direction for 59 metres to join Harbour Street opposite property number 10; a Public Footpath (TRX5) which commences on Harbour Street and runs south-westwards for 17 metres to junction with Public



Footpath TRX4 described above; a Public Footpath (TRX7) which commences on Chapel Place adjacent to Mont Hamel House and runs south easterly for 29 metres to connect with Meeting Street adjacent to Forsters Hall; a Public Footpath (TRX8) which commences on the corner of the junction of Richmond Road, Grove Road and Marlborough Road and runs north eastwards for 155 metres to its junction with Elms Avenue opposite Cannon Road; a Public Footpath (TRX9) which commences adjacent to property number 31 The Cloisters and runs north eastwards for 29 metres to connect with Priory Road opposite property number 12; a Public Footpath (TRX10) which commences on Townley Street between property numbers 12 and 14 and runs for 27 metres in a south easterly direction to connect with Spencer Square adjacent to property numbers Spencer Street and number 30 Spencer Square; a Public Footpath (TRX11) which commences on Albert Street opposite property number 53 and runs in a south easterly direction for 94 metres to connect with James Street adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX12) which commences adjacent to property number 1 James Street and runs for 30 metres to connect with Hertford Place; a Public Footpath (TRX13) which commences on Albert Street between property numbers 51 and 53 and runs in a north westerly direction for 29 metres to connect with Ivy Lane adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX14) which commences adjacent to 59 Crescent Road at the junction with Codrington Road and runs in a north easterly direction for 42 metres and then for 86 metres in a southerly direction to connect with Richmond Road opposite property number 10; a Public Footpath (TRX17) also known as Sion passage which commences between property numbers 1 and 2 Rose Hill and runs for 59 metres in a south westerly direction to connect with Adelaide Gardens adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX18) which commences adjacent to 71 Nelson Crescent and 11 Prospect Terrace and runs for 30 metres in a north westerly direction to connect with Addington Place; a Public Footpath (TRX44) which commences adjacent to property number 2 Ethelbert Road and runs in a north westerly direction for 41.2 metres to connect with Beresford Road; a Public Footpath (TRX45) which commences adjacent to property number 6 St Augustines Road and runs for 117 metres in a north westerly direction to its connection with Priory Road adjacent to The Old Priory School; a Public Footpath (TRX48) which commences adjacent to property number 20 Belle Alliance Square and runs north eastwards for 26 metres to its connection with Plains of Waterloo.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.3 (Public Footpaths TRX26, TRX27, TRX28, TRX29, TRX31, TRX32, TRX39, TRX46 and TRX47) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order is to add a Public Footpath TRX26 which commences on Lillian Road adjacent to Hereson School and runs in a north easterly direction for 36 metres to connect with Cecilia Road; a Public Footpath (TRX27) which commences on St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 17 and runs for 25 metres in a north easterly direction to connect with Dane Road adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX28) which commences on St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 6 and runs in a south westerly direction for 159 metres to its junction with Boundary Road adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX29) which commences adjacent to property number 50 Boundary Road and runs north eastwards for 20 metres to its junction with Upper Dumpton Park Road; a Public Footpath (TRX31) which commences adjacent to property number 55 – 57 Winstanley Crescent and runs in a north easterly direction for 44 metres to connect with St Luke's Avenue opposite property numbered 121; a Public Footpath (TRX32) which

commences from St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 15 Gordon Road and runs in a south westerly direction for 66 metres to connect with Margate Road adjacent to property number 23; a Public Footpath (TRX39) which commences on Portland Court adjacent to Portland House and runs in a north easterly direction for 50 metres to meet Boundary Road opposite St Luke's Recreation Ground; a Public Footpath (TRX46) also known as Chatham Passage which commences adjacent to 145 Boundary road and runs south – south westwards for 55 metres to connect with Chatham Street opposite Eagle Hill; a Public Footpath (TRX47) which commences between property numbers 20 and 22 Flora Road and runs in a north easterly direction for 62 metres to connect with Dane Park Road between property numbers 44 and 46.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.5 (Public Footpath TRX36) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX36) which commences adjacent to property number 28 West Dumpton Lane and runs in a south easterly direction for 43 metres to connect with Sandwood Road adjacent to property numbered 38. On the 23rd day of May the following two Orders were confirmed by the Kent County Council with modifications as a result of the Council serving notice on the Secretary of State of its intention to sever parts of the respective Orders relating to Public Footpaths TRX20 and TRX6 in compliance with paragraph 5 to Schedule 15 of the Act. The effect of these Orders as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the former Excluded Area of Ramsgate by adding public footpaths as described below and as shown on the plans attached to the Orders:-

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.4 (Public Footpaths TRX17, TRX18, TRX19, TRX20, TRX21, TRX22, TRX23, TRX24, TRX25, TRX40, TRX41, TRX42, TRX43 and TRX49) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to add a Public Footpath (TRX17) which commences on Victoria Parade adjacent to 34 Winterstoke Crescent and runs north eastwards for 174 metres then turns north – north eastwards for 60 metres to junction with Wickham Avenue, the path continues in the same direction for 75 metres to junction with Avebury Avenue before continuing in northerly direction for 100 metres to its junction with Montefiore Avenue adjacent to property numbered 13; a Public Footpath (TRX18) which commences adjacent to number 3 Winterstoke Way and runs in a north – north easterly direction for 147 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX17 adjacent to the rear of property number 14 Michael Avenue. At a point 22 metres to the southwest of this junction an additional spur runs north westwards for 8 metres to connect with Michael Avenue; a Public Footpath (TRX19) which commences on Montefiore Avenue opposite the property numbered 13 and runs in a north – north easterly direction for 140 metres to connect with existing Public Footpath TB53; a Public Footpath (TRX21) which commences adjacent to property number 61 Dumpton Park Drive and runs north westerly for 53 metres to connect with Wallwood Road adjacent to property number 20; a Public Footpath (TRX22) which commences between property numbers 8 and 28 Cornwall Avenue and runs for 36 metres in a north easterly direction to connect with Cranbourne Close between property numbers 11 and 13; a Public Footpath (TRX23) which commences from Roseberry Avenue adjacent to number 48 and runs south for 41 metres to connect with St David's Road adjacent to property numbers 47 and 49; a Public Footpath

(TRX24) which commences between 44 and 46 St Patrick's Road and runs south for 44 metres to connect with St David's Road between property numbers 51 and 49; a Public Footpath (TRX25) which commences between numbers 52 and 54 St Patrick's Road and runs south to its connection with St Andrew's Road between property numbers 51 and 53; a Public Footpath (TRX40) which commences adjacent to 5 St George's Road and runs north for 50 metres to connect with St Andrew's Road adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX41) which commences on St Andrew's Road adjacent to property number 1 and runs north for 52 metres to connect with St Patrick's adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX42) which commences adjacent to number 2 Roseberry Avenue and runs south – south westwards for 21 metres, eastwards for 4 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX43 then south – south westwards for a further 25 metres to connect with St David's Road adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX43) which commences adjacent to 194 Hereson Road and runs in a westerly direction for 22 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX42; a Public Footpath (TRX49) which commences adjacent to 54 St Andrew's Road and runs south for 32 metres to connect with St George's Road adjacent to property number 53.

Public Footpath TRX20 which commences adjacent to property number 10 Dumpton Park Drive and runs south easterly then north eastwards, (with a small spur to Francis Gardens), to connect with Winterstoke Way is not added by the effect of this confirmed Order.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.6 (Public Footpath TRX6 and TRX30) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to add a Public Footpath TRX30 which commences on Madeira Walk and runs southwards negotiating a set of concrete steps (known as Kent Steps) for 14 metres to connect with Kent Place.

Public Footpath TRX6 which commences on Harbour Parade and runs northwards to Madeira Walk is not added by the effect of this confirmed Order.

Copies of both the unmodified and modified Orders, as confirmed, and the Order Maps have been deposited and may be seen free of charge in the Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX, and at the Offices of the Thanet District Council, Cecil Square, Margate during normal office hours. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

These Orders become operative from the 23rd May 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Orders desires to question the validity thereof or of any provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Orders, he or she may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act within 42 days from the 24th July 2011 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WT297 (PART) & WT299 (PART), BRENCHLEY)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 14th July 2011, the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WT297, which commences at NGR TQ 6657 3888 (point A) and runs southwards for 149.5 metres to NGR TQ 6657 3873 (point B). (Between points A-B on the Order plan) to a new length of footpath WT297 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs eastwards for 130 metres, thence southwards for 34.5 metres and thence westwards for 80.0 metres to its connection with the newly numbered footpath WT423 at the aforementioned point C.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is also divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WT299, which commences at NGR TQ 6649 3871 (point D) and runs north-eastwards for 348.0 metres to NGR TQ 6679 3841 (point C). (Between points A-C on the Order plan) to a new length of public footpath numbered WT299 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point D and runs north-north-westwards for 122.0 metres and thence north-eastwards for 134.0 metres to its connection with footpath WT297 at the aforementioned point A.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS or at the Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 14th July 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 24th July 2011, make an application to the High Court.

Countryside Access Service
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Dated: 24th July 2011

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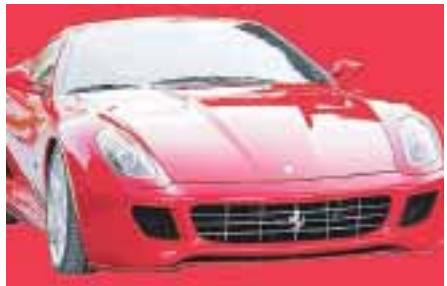
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Julian Blackborrow trading as Linden Automotive, of Leigh Green Industrial Estate, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 7DE, is applying for a licence to use: Leigh Green Industrial Estate, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 7DE, as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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Dancing blaze

Ed Hill talks to choreographer Catarina Carvalho, who is searching for dancers to take part in the music and pyrotechnics extravaganza BLINK, which will light up the seafront when it arrives in Margate

THIS August will see Margate's seafront lit up in a spectacular show of sound, light and dance.

The event, BLINK, is a collaboration between choreographer Wayne McGregor, the lighting and pyrotechnic performers Pan Optikum and soundscape composer Scanner.

As part of the performance, 100 local people will join in with the production, dancing under the guidance of McGregor's Random Dance company.

Dancers from the group have been visiting schools in the area looking for students keen to take part.

Catarina Carvalho has been leading some of the workshops. She said: "We begin with a warm-up during the creative session. We start with really simple tasks and then teach them a phrase [movement] that belongs to the repertoire of the company so they can understand the style of Random Dance. From there we let them create their own material."

The Portuguese dancer joined McGregor's company in 2008. She was keen to work with a choreographer who has been praised widely for his innovative approach.

She said: "I had to do an audition with masses of other dancers, but I have always been really interested in his work. He uses the body and the mind to create great choreography. At Random Dance we have to use our minds constantly and we generate a lot of material ourselves."

McGregor revolutionised contemporary dance by embracing modern technology such as computer projection to add to the visual impact of his productions. He has also worked with academic experts looking at the link between the brain and the body's movements.

He is a resident choreographer at the Royal Ballet and has been the subject of his own South



WORKSHOPS: Catarina Carvalho, above right, puts Marlowe Academy students through their paces in the search for dancers to take part in BLINK, right, which is coming to Margate seafront next month

Bank Show. In January 2011 he was awarded a CBE for his services to dance.

For Margate's show the seafront will be the backdrop for Pan Optikum's stunning mix of theatre, light and fireworks. It will light up the town's buildings while McGregor's dancers will perform on the beach accompanied by the unique music of Scanner.

Children from the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate took part in one workshop, hoping to be involved with the project. After the initial exercises they were encouraged to create their own solo dances.

"It is their creativity that is being used. In a way, all we do is edit what they are doing," said Catarina.

Although schoolchildren have been the focus of the workshops so far, anyone older than 12 is encouraged to take part. Aside from dancing, there are also opportunities to help with the sound and lighting or to become a steward for the performance. Students from Thanet College have been brought in to help create a marketing campaign for the event.

Catarina says she is constantly surprised by

the children's enthusiasm to take part.

She said: "They begin to get more confidence once they start. We say to them it's fine to move in any way you want. There is no right or wrong. They see new ways open up to them they may not have considered as dance before.

"I started dancing at school myself – one lunchtime we had some workshops and after that I just loved music and movement. I then began to take it a bit more seriously. Hopefully some of these kids will be like me."

Once the final 100 dancers have been chosen they will have one week of intensive rehearsal before the performance, on Saturday, August 27. McGregor says he was inspired by the landscape of the Kent town when he was first asked to do the show.

He said: "Margate has an intriguing and enduring appeal and I was captivated by the opportunity to create something so site-specific and outdoors.

"The parallel horizons of sky and sea, sea and beach and beach and town provide a rich canvas for dance, performance and sound. BLINK should challenge the senses."



Catarina is already encouraged by the children's enthusiasm for the performance.

She said: "Projects like this bring contemporary dance to people. When I come to schools like this one, the children show me just what can be achieved. I am always surprised at how capable they are and how they really enjoy it and how focused they become."

The free event is being run in conjunction with the Turner Contemporary gallery and organised by McMarts. It is hoped that it will be the start of similar annual events at the seaside town, which is looking to the arts world to help its regeneration.

Jane McMorrow from McMarts said: "We are sure the memory of this event will live in people's minds for some time, but the real legacy will be the skills people learn during its development – the people they meet and a real spirit of positivity going forward."

■ The event organisers are still keen to hear from people who want to get involved with BLINK. They can visit www.blinkmargate.org to find out more about the workshops and the other events that are happening.

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THE so-called 'Winter of Discontent', as anyone who lived through it can attest, was not a pleasant time for the millions of British people who were affected by industrial action by the powerful trade unions.

With gravediggers and binnies among the public sector workers who went on strike in late 1978/early 1979, ordinary people were left to put up with the stench of uncollected rubbish and the fear that dead relatives might instead be buried at sea rather than a cemetery.

The unrest was a result of the then-Labour government's attempt to control inflation by imposing rules on the public sector that pay rises be kept below five per cent, as an example to the private sector.

Fast-forward more than 30 years and the UK finds itself in a similar situation, with the trade unions threatening a prolonged spell of industrial action in protest at the Coalition's programme of spending cuts and pension reforms.

The difference this time, however, is that thanks to Margaret Thatcher – whose victory in the 1979 general election was largely due to predecessor James Callaghan's failure to control the strike action – the unions have far less power today than they did back in the 1970s.

"There are a lot more difficulties in terms of the laws that shackle us, and they've hardly changed at all over the years," said Richard Ascough, regional secretary for the GMB.

"That's affected our ability to take industrial action because it's a legal minefield out there now. The right to take industrial action is part of any free society but if you go on strike then technically you're in breach of your contract, and it's about time that changed.

"It's more difficult anyway to influence a Conservative-led government's policy, but I think you'll find that by the end of the year they will have modified their pension reform plans and that will be a result for us."

Legalised in 1871, the trade union movement sought to reform socio-economic conditions for working men in British industries.

Some 13 million workers were members of a union at the time of the Winter of Discontent, but that figure has fallen to about seven million since the Thatcher era.

But despite introducing new legislation that made it more difficult for workers to go on strike, the 'Iron Lady' was unable to stop them completely.

Her decision to close coal pits throughout the country in 1984 signalled the beginning of the end of the age-old coal mining industry, but the tens of thousands of miners who eventually lost their jobs refused to go down without a fight.

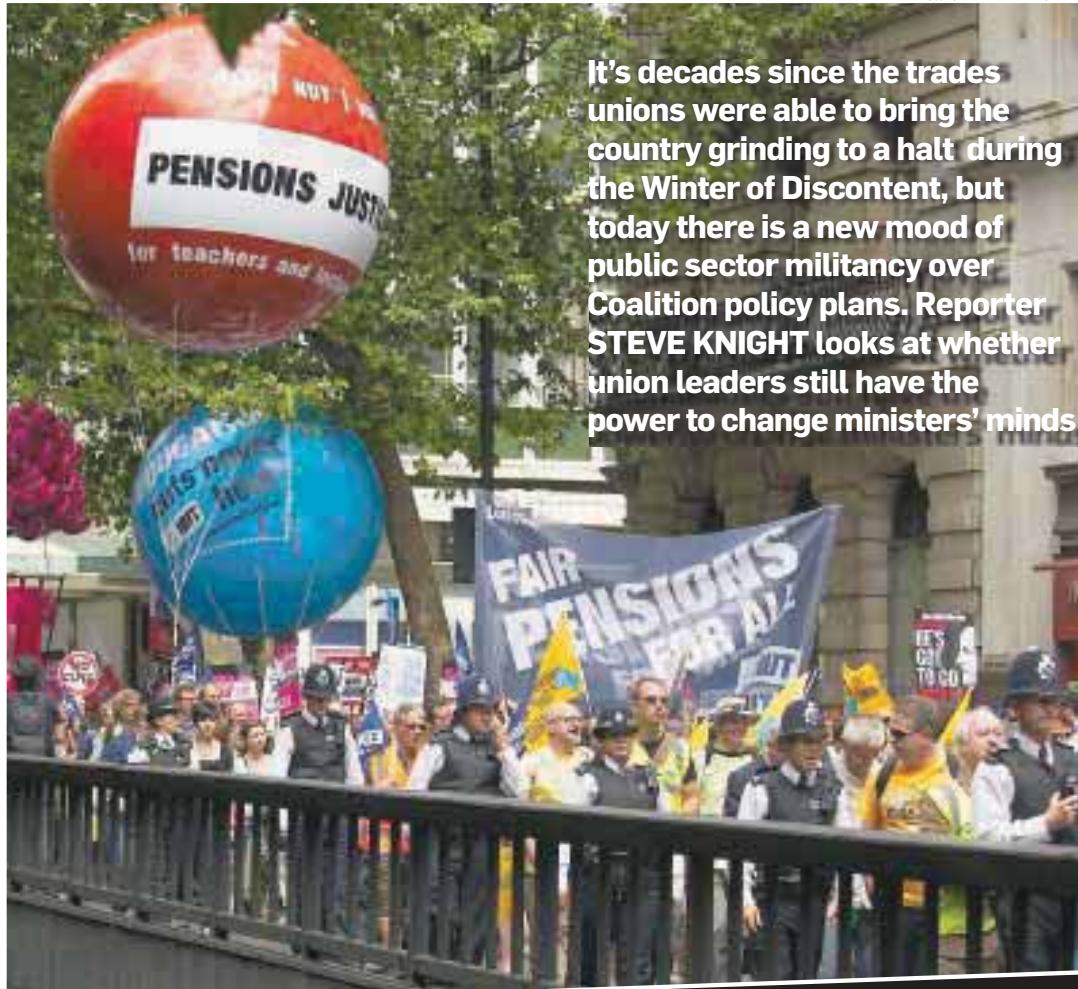
And fight they did, as walk-outs, flying pickets and violence between protesters and the police became all-too familiar sights at locations across the country.

As the Kent secretary for the National Union of Teachers John Walder explains, the role of unions in such disputes is no less important today.

"They play the same role that they have for many years, and that's to represent the interests of their members," he said. "The fact there are far fewer members than before doesn't actually take away from that because the unions still do a crucial job for them."

"Trade unions get a very bad press generally. We will always be branded as dangerous revolutionaries but despite that, the feedback we've received about the pensions issue has been pretty good. I wouldn't ever pretend that's always the case but with this particular issue we may have struck a chord."

Mr Walder was among a crowd of up to



It's decades since the trades unions were able to bring the country grinding to a halt during the Winter of Discontent, but today there is a new mood of public sector militancy over Coalition policy plans. Reporter STEVE KNIGHT looks at whether union leaders still have the power to change ministers' minds

PROTEST:
Teachers and other public sector workers took to the streets earlier this year, and union leaders are confident they can change the Coalition's plans for pension reform

DO TRADES UNIONS STILL MATTER IN 2011?

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JOHN WALDER, KENT SECRETARY FOR THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS

500,000 who protested through London in March to demonstrate their anger at the spending cuts and pension reforms.

The mass rally was organised by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and promoted at a county level by a collaboration of 10 of the UK's biggest trade unions known collectively as Kent – Save Our Services.

NUT members also took part in a one-day strike last month, angry at being asked to work longer and pay more for pensions worth tens of thousands of pounds less in the long run.

Mr Walder said: "This particular government has been doing lots of U-turns recently, and we're only at the beginning of the current argument about pensions so there's no reason why we should not see a considerable change in the Government's stance.

"I don't think anyone would entertain the illusion that going on a one-day strike will change ministers' minds, but there's an ongoing campaign and we have every hope of making our point and forcing changes to the Government's pension plan."

"The right to withdraw your labour is a fundamental democratic right that was struggled for over the generations. Lots of

people don't seem to remember or understand what has gone on before, and it's the same situation with people who don't bother to vote in elections."

Last week viewers and listeners tuning in to BBC news programmes found disruption to the breakfast shows owing to a 24-hour strike by journalists.

The industrial action was organised by the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) in response to a planned programme of compulsory redundancies at BBC World Service and BBC Monitoring.

But as Mr Ascough from the GMB pointed out, the role of a trade union is about more than civil unrest and balloting their members about how and when they go on strike.

"Unions still play a vital role and are quite clearly still a large player in society today," he said.

"We don't have the membership we did 20 years or more ago but we still represent somewhere between six and seven million people. There's also clear evidence that if you're a member of a union then you will do better than people who are not members when it comes to things like pay and the terms and conditions of your contract."

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ORNAMENT: An Anglo-Saxon hare brooch discovered at the site of Ebbsfleet International train station

High-speed digs reveal history's buried secrets

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THE construction of the High Speed 1 (HS1) line from St Pancras to the Channel Tunnel created the opportunity for Britain's largest ever archaeological excavation.

The building of the track and the archaeological excavation along the route went hand in hand, throwing up some amazing finds from across the ages.

Two of the most significant finds from the project occurred at the Ebbsfleet station site – a tusk from a 400,000-year-old prehistoric elephant, and a Saxon age watermill, which was reserved in the waterlogged soil.

Rachel Starling, from HS1 Ltd, who oversaw the archaeological and environment projects, was surprised to come across the remains of the elephant.

She said: "At Ebbsfleet, nothing had been found previously by archaeologists in exploratory digs, so when we found the elephant it was quite unexpected.

"As soon as we saw something, the whole digging came to a stop and an excavation team went in.

"Due to the significance of the elephant, we had to engage with specialists.

"For me, the tusk was the most exciting because it was the largest animal we found and it also speaks the loudest because, who has seen an elephant in England not in a zoo? But here is proof that hundreds of thousands of years ago, elephants were roaming through Kent.

"It is really hard to get your head around."

The elephant tusk is now going to go on display at the Natural History Museum in London.

The Ebbsfleet excavations also



UNEARTHED: Left, excavation work at a double burial of an early Bronze Age man and a woman, in the Whitehill Road area near Gravesend; and right, excavation of the elephant tusk at Ebbsfleet

came across the well preserved ruins of an Anglo-Saxon water mill.

The find was another from the project that had not been expected.

Mrs Starling said: "We knew of the river and that there had been activity around it, but in the waterlogged ground were the well preserved Anglo saxon timbers.

"They now have to be kept in a waterlogged environment.

The discovery was so exciting that we stopped the work and opened up to the public for the weekend so they could all see what we had found.

"When you went to different sites you never knew what you would find."

Along the route, which the high-speed trains now travel along, archaeologists also unearthed Neolithic longhouses near Aylesford, mummified cats at Brockton Farm house near Charing heath, evidence of World War Two defences near

Ashfield, an Iron Age gated settlement at Beechbrook Wood, and three Bronze age graveyards at Saltwood, which included a number of items of jewellery.

The remains of a Roman villa were also discovered in Thurnham, and the burial site of a baby, which puzzled the historians and archaeologists, because the Romans did not bury their dead infants in this way.

This led them to presume that it was the body of the child of significant and important parents.

Mrs Starling added: "There has never been an archaeological project of this scale ever undertaken in the UK.

"The findings have undoubtedly provided a lasting legacy and the approach has set the standard for further major infrastructure projects."

The story of the excavation work and a record of the discoveries, running along the high speed line, have been collated into a book, *Tracks and Traces*.

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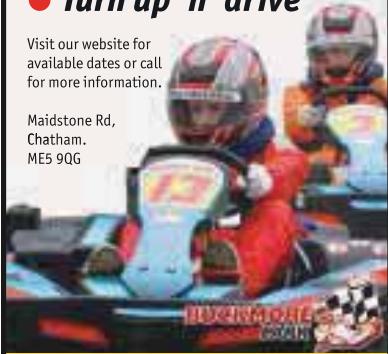
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Family values still holding court after all these years

WALLETT'S Court near St Margaret's Bay has been entertaining guests for more than 30 years. The ancient farmhouse can trace its roots back to the Domesday Book, but by 1976 it was in a sad state of decay. It was then that Michelin-starred chef Chris Oakley and his family moved in.

His son Gavin said: "There was no roof and it was just about to fall down when they rescued it. I was a child at the time, so it was a great playground to grow up in."

Chris Oakley had trained with the famous Roux Brothers in London. At that time he was head chef at one of their restaurants in the City of London and was commuting on the train.

Gavin said: "He would leave at 5am and not get back until late in the evening. My mother, Lea, who had been a teacher, actually did a lot of the renovation work. The restaurant really started off the back of her deciding to do bed-and-breakfast.

"Someone met my dad on the train and asked if he would do a dinner here for them. As it was a Saturday night, he was able to do it. It was just an organic beginning to the whole thing."

The restaurant established itself due to Chris's reputation, but the rest of the family had to muck in to help.

Gavin said: "I grew up in the kitchen. I then worked for Albert and Michel Roux in London, but kitchen work was not really for me. I moved to front of house and then came back here with my dad still in the kitchen and me working in the restaurant – that's how it evolved."

Gavin took over the business in the 90s, while his father continued to cook.

"We steadily grew and got three AA rosettes and Michelin ratings – our success has come from a lot of hard toil," he said.

Thirty years down the line, Gavin is still keen to build on the historic foundations of Wallett's Court, which can name Edward I's wife and Pitt the Younger as former residents.

Gavin has added a spa where guests can

Venue that traces history back to Domesday Book builds a legacy based on the drive for excellence



STEEPED IN HISTORY:

Wallett's Court can trace its roots back to the Domesday Book and, right, new head chef Ryan Tasker has just produced the latest summer menu.

stay to have treatments and, aside from the 17 rooms, guests can stay in tepees in the grounds.

But it is still the food that is the hotel's biggest attraction. New head chef Ryan Tasker has just produced the latest summer menu.

He said: "We wanted to celebrate British cuisine. Our produce comes from within 15 miles. We use a lot of seasonal ingredients during the summer and that's when we get some of the freshest produce."

The Scotsman has worked in numerous kitchens around the country but came to Kent when the gastro-pub phenomenon took off. He then became a senior sous chef at Michael Caines's ABoe in Canterbury.

His menu at Wallett's Court changes every season and staff welcome diners from around Kent, not just guests staying at the hotel.



Ryan said: "I start from scratch when I create a new menu. Using local ingredients, you can really show what you can do as a chef."

Chris Oakley, meanwhile, still has some input in what goes on in the kitchen.

Ryan said: "It would be mad to ignore someone who has more than 40 years' experience. Our key words are simple: British and delicious."

It looks like the Oakley name will be a long chapter in Wallett's Court's history. Gavin's eldest daughter is now working in the business.

He said: "We are the same people we were 30 years ago, striving to produce excellence. It's nice to think we may have a bit of a legacy. We have great staff here. It is consistency, continuity and value that count for everything."

Even my friend the chef was impressed when he turned diner

ON OFFICIALLY the hottest day for five years, my chef friend and I decided it was time to get out of the sun and head for a meal worthy of the glorious sunshine.

Our destination was the Old Coach & Horses at Harbledown, just a stone's throw from Canterbury.

Nestled on a winding road through the village, the building has been modernised and doubles as both a restaurant and a lovely-looking pub.

The shiny wooden floors and neat bar are complemented by the old beams and blackboard menu, which give the place a rustic feel.

There are two dining areas; one is past the bar and down a short set of stairs, while the other is a larger room upstairs which gives way to a terrace and garden area. We chose the former in a bid to keep the sunburn under wraps.

RESTAURANT Review



We were served our drinks at the bar and ushered us towards the giant blackboard to choose our meals before taking our seats.

I opted for the home-cured salmon with watercress and egg (£6.50), while my guest went for the smoked-

mackerel fillet with honey mustard potato salad (£5.75).

The fresh, cool fish cuts were perfect on a hot day, served with a slice of lemon and a bed of leaves for an extra fresh and clean flavour.

I was assured that my guest's starter was just as top-notch as mine.

The perfect size of the starter allowed for the prompt arrival of the main course. I went with the duck breast on duck hash cake with black pepper, brandy and cream sauce (£14.50).

My chef friend went for the braised shoulder of lamb with onion puree and rosemary sauce (£13.50). Both were again presented simply but excellently.

The duck was cooked medium without a hint of dryness and was complemented superbly by the hash cake, which was similar to a large hash brown mixed with confit leg meat. My

friend's slow-cooked lamb shoulder lived up to his high standards of working in a Michelin-star restaurant.

Each dish was served with seasonal vegetables, butter and black pepper.

Satisfied with our choices, desserts were almost an afterthought, although I chose a chocolate and Baileys torte (£5). I had just enough room left to fit in a generous helping of this thick and sweet dessert. Lovely!

The phone rang several times as customers secured bookings, testament to how popular The Old Coach & Horses has become... on this form it should enjoy a successful future.

Joe Bill

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Farmers' markets

Dartford

THE farmers' market is held in the pedestrian area of Dartford high street and is open to the public between 10am and 2pm on the third Friday of the month. There's a variety of produce available, including meat, bread, plants, preserves and fudge.

Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stallholders still selling at the market in the Millennium Hall. It is extremely popular and offers a wide range of local produce at competitive prices.

Mersham

FEATURING high-quality produce from the immediate area and a newcomer to the growing scene, the market now held at the Farriers Arms in Mersham Forstal is held between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on every second and fourth Friday of the month.

Meopham

MEOPHAM farmers' market has been operating since July 2004 in the overflow car park of the Meopham fitness and tennis centre, which is the site of the school and library in Meopham, on the first Sunday of the month from 9am to 12.30pm.

Sissinghurst

THIS popular market is located in the ancient Elizabethan barn, next to the Granary restaurant within the famous Sissinghurst National Trust site, on the second Monday of every month, when the gardens are open between midday and 3pm.

Iwade

THE farmers' market at Iwade village hall first opened in February 2009. It takes place on the first Sunday of the month from 10am until 1pm, offering fresh local produce with the emphasis on top quality.

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Our journey starts close to St James Church in East Malling; it is a lovely building steeped in history, made apparent by the Roman tiles in its stonework.

The village, together with Larkfield, makes up the parish of East Malling and Larkfield. The Manor of East Malling was sold in 1656 to Thomas Twisden and remained in the family until 1937. During this time the Twisden family had great influence on parish life from their estate centred on Bradbourne House.

Bradbourne House is a Grade I-listed building close to East Malling. The house was originally built in Tudor times but was extended and altered in the early 18th century.

The Twisden family owned the house until 1937, when the last of the line, Sir John Ramskill Twisden, died. In 1938 it was purchased by the East Malling Trust For Horticultural Research, which still owns it today, together with almost 600 acres of adjoining land. The trust's income supports horticultural research at the nearby East Malling Research Station.

The route continues on, taking you through the grounds of East Malling Research, which carries out research and development for the crops industry and has a long involvement with the area. In fact, the original organisation – the East Malling and Wye Experimental Research Station – was set up on the site to meet the needs and concerns of local fruit-growers.

Some of the finest and most important research on perennial crops has been conducted on the site, resulting in East Malling's worldwide reputation.

There have been many developments and achievements here in the areas of plant-raising, fruit-plant culture, fruit-breeding, ornamental breeding, fruit storage and the biology and control of pests and diseases.

Another joy of this route is the amount of birdlife you might see. Step out and enjoy it!

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This very special route takes you through the heart of fruit-growing country... and indeed through the grounds of East Malling Research, which enjoys a top worldwide reputation



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Gates: 1

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ATTRACTIVE petite oriental female with no ties WLTM nice respectable man for a loving relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371577

CONFIDENT & Cultured lady, young, 39 very attractive, slim and fit seeks male, 45-55yrs for dining, drinking and more. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371578

AFRICAN female likes cooking, travel seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367612

36YR old professional, blue eyes, blonde, smiley, OHAC WLTM special guy for nights in with lots of cuddles and love. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde who enjoys the simple life seeks understanding older male for fun casual relationship/friendship initially, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371547

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CONFIDENT blue eyed brunette, intelligent, cultured and attractive, very solvent, looking for happy older male who will let me look after him. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368401

30YR old beautiful blonde with lovely green eyes looking for uncomplicated love and romance with a tall dark haired male. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368603

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BEAUTIFUL big eyed blonde, 26, slim, looking for evenings out with male. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368911

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LYNNN slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368426

SOCIAL E easygoing 70s lady, GSOH, N/S likes cinema, days out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369297

I'M Gorgeous, lively seeking a similar professional who thinks he can handle me, good times guaranteed. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369223

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JACQUELINE 48, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370747

ACTIVE slim female 30s, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370797

LONELY Folatestone lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for walks by the sea and pub. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371067

AFRICAN female likes cooking, travel seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501

VERY good looking Turkish female looking to make 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183

ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181

CONFIDENT female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177

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WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365047

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AFFECTIONATE female seeks warm, kind hearted guy, if he exists, for good company, fun times and laughs. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365197

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, gentle N/S male. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369193

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342421

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LYNN slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368426

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www.wildwoodtrust.org

WILDWOOD has an amazing new play park for children this summer. Recently expanded and improved, the Tree Tops adventure play zone is stacked full of exciting attractions that will keep parents' little ones entertained all day. The centrepiece of the play area is the Tree Top Drop, a 27ft free-fall drop-slide which tests participants' courage. The tallest slide of its kind in Kent, it's an amazing experience that children will want to enjoy again and again. Other features include the Wild Fort with tree-top towers, Kent's biggest twisting-tube slide, zip-wire, swings and climbing frames. The park forms part of Wildwood, where you can come nose to nose with Britain's most exciting wildlife.



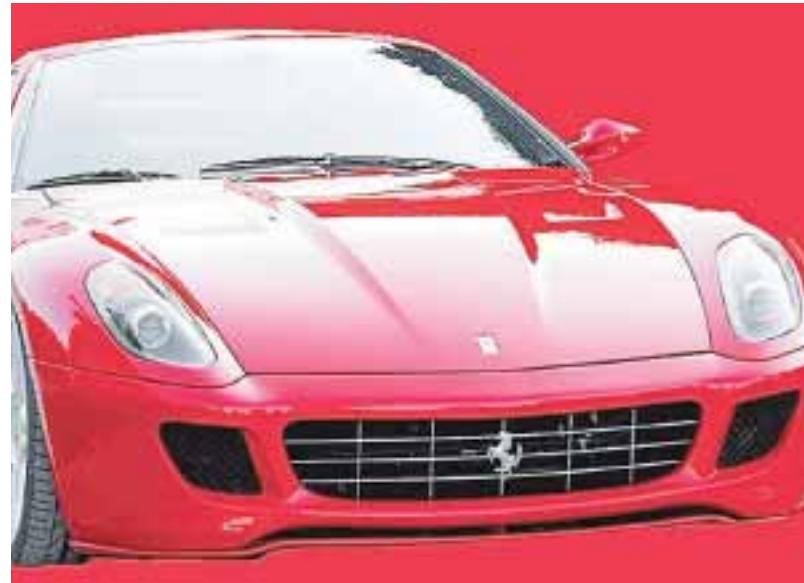
Taste of style Swanky cars and balloons

Groombridge Place,
near Tunbridge Wells
 Sunday, July 31
www.groombridge.co.uk

GET a taste of the high life at Groombridge Place when millions of pounds' worth of sleek, gleaming Ferraris and romantic hot-air balloons arrive for one of the most exciting events in the venue's

calendar. Visitors will be able to take a close look at some of the most iconic and rarest cars in the world.... an opportunity not to be missed by any car fan. The glamorous lifestyle continues with the hot-air balloons that will be tethered in the grounds from 1pm; visitors can talk to the pilots, who will explain how the balloons are inflated, flown and landed. A collection of Ducati bikes will be on show, plus there will be an opportunity for visitors to experience the art of fencing. Demonstrations and

workshops will be held on the Draughtsman's Lawn in the 17th-century formal gardens, where The Draughtsman's Contract was filmed in 1986. As well as the displays, Katie Bird, Kent's finest soprano singer, who has just landed a job with the English National Opera, will entertain visitors with Italian opera in the gardens during the afternoon. Guy Portelli will be exhibiting some of his incredible sculptures, which have resulted in Dragon's Den's Peter Jones, James Caan and Theo Paphitis becoming passionate about his art.



Sculpture Fine art in fine gardens

Godinton House,
Ashford
 phone 01233 643854
www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk

THIS summer sees another exciting sculpture show in the gardens of Godinton House. The show focuses on sculptors from the South East but also brings in new artists each year with a huge variety of work. This year there will be 17 artists showing some 80 pieces in a multitude of materials.

The sculptures are displayed throughout the 12 acres of fabulous gardens, including a trail through the wild garden, where mature trees, swaying grasses and the reflections of a large pond make the perfect backdrop. It makes a great afternoon out. Children can run ahead and discover new pieces around every corner. The works are on sale, with pieces for any garden. Head gardener Viv Hunt said: "We love to welcome new artists here each year. The sculptures bring the gardens alive and make us look at our surroundings with fresh eyes." The gardens are open daily from 2pm-5.30pm. Entrance is £5 for adults and free for children. The exhibition runs until Sunday, August 7.



Happy faces and dancing Mini V Festival

The Boating Pool,
Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate
 Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31
www.theboatingpool.co.uk

LIVE bands will be playing on a specially-built stage in the middle of the pool, with featured acts including Georgie, Breed, Funke & The Two Tone Baby and Open Harp Surgery. An eclectic mix of local talent is promised, along with boating and walking-on-

Smock mill Take part in a guided tour

Stelling Minnis windmill and museum
 Sundays and bank holidays, 2pm-5pm
 01227 709238

STELLING Minnis windmill is known as a black smock mill. It was built in 1866 and worked up until 1970, when restoration was begun by Kent County Council. Now the windmill is run and maintained by volunteers and a charitable trust. The mill is powered by a 1912 Ruston and Hornsby oil engine, and there are grinding demonstrations. Entry is by voluntary donation. Stelling Minnis windmill and museum is open on Sundays and bank-holiday afternoons at 2pm-5pm, from Easter to the end of September, for guided tours and cream teas. The mill is just off the B2068 Canterbury-Hythe Road. For more information and to book a tour, phone 01227 709238.

waterboards for everyone's enjoyment. Sunday will see a hog roast and both days have food and craft stalls, with a funfair, face-painting, bouncy castle and balloon magic. A Boating Pool spokesman said: "The Mini V music festival is our big event of the year. With a choice of live music from only the best local bands, this is a unique family event you can't miss. "The music runs until 8pm both days and there is so much for the family to do. Make sure you bring your happy faces and dancing shoes." There is a bar and restaurant and music starts at 1pm. Entry is free.

Pygmalion Summer rep season starts

**Memorial Theatre,
Hilderstone, Broadstairs**
Thursday to Sunday, July 28-31
01843 580389

THE Sarah Thorne Theatre Club's fourth summer repertory season commences on Thursday, July 28, with Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. The production is directed by Michael Friend. Henry Higgins wants to win his bet and Eliza Doolittle wants to learn to speak like a lady in a flower shop. How much can one human being change another? The play will be performed on Thursday and Friday, July 28-29, at 7.30pm; on Saturday, July 29, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm; and Sunday, July 31, at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £11 for members and £13 for non-members. The next play in the season is Neil Simon's classic comedy Barefoot In The Park.



Imagery Cat has first solo display

**Space Gallery,
Old High Street, Folkestone**
Sunday, July 24
07989 965883

ROYAL College Of Art graduate Cat Roissetter has her first solo show at the new independent gallery in Folkestone. Her illustrations reveal a complex imagination. She is inspired by the Surrealists, in particular the poetry of Andre Breton and Georges Bataille, and intrigued by what she calls "the uncanny connections one can make between reality and the subconscious". Fairytales and myth are integral themes to the imagery she creates. A spokesman for the gallery said: "We find that the almost scientific process that she goes through to create her etchings is incredible in itself. Her finished work is spellbinding and cannot fail to draw you in. "Her pieces allow you to share something really personal. Through her incredibly detailed visual storytelling she can evoke a range of emotions, which we find special." The gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. For more information, email Sam Shorten at [spaceseven.co.uk](mailto:spacewoman@spaceseven.co.uk).

Dance Company has a new home

**Stour Centre,
Ashford**
January 2012
www.jasminvardimon.com

A FLAGSHIP dance company is moving to Ashford. The Jasmin Vardimon Company (JVC) is setting up its permanent home at the town's Stour Centre.

The company is dedicated to the choreography of its award-winning artistic director, who is also an Associate Artist at Sadler's Wells. Renowned for her style, which combines physical theatre, strong characterisation, innovative technologies, text and dance, Vardimon accentuates her work with observation of human behaviour.

The company's works are widely accessible through their exposure of human experience, social relevance, high quality, passion, skill and commitment. It tours nationally and

internationally. JVC will create new work, develop creative collaborations and establish a laboratory for educational activities. It is hoped the new home will become a hub for creativity in the area and raise the profile of dance in the region. Vardimon said: "It is my hope that we can be the catalyst for an explosion of creativity in Ashford, to build a centre where work is researched, produced and performed alongside a rich education programme." The move is supported by Ashford Borough Council and the Arts Council.



Rock'n'roll Journey into hyperspace

Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Thursday to Saturday,
August 11-13
01843 591750

THE Granville Theatre is staging a production of the smash-hit musical Return To The Forbidden Planet. The cast includes local talent who will be belting out 37 rock'n'roll numbers and take the audience on a journey into hyperspace and beyond. The musical bursts with hits such as Great Balls Of Fire, Good Vibrations and Teenager In Love. The musical is based



loosely on the 1956 film Forbidden Planet, which was a sci-fi version of William Shakespeare's The Tempest. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £8.50 for under-16s and £10 for Friends. All money raised goes towards the Granville's restoration.



Comedy Trio will cheer up Ashford

Ashford International Hotel
Friday, July 29
01233 219988
www.hahaheehee.com

A TRIO of stand-ups is appearing at this gig in Ashford. Headlining is Rudi Lickwood, a top comic whose recent achievements include being named in the Black 100+ awards for black achievers. Supporting is Paul Pirie, above,

who began stand-up after giving up acting and who has quickly established himself on the Scottish circuit. Pirie started stand-up in 2004 when he was living with his gran, having given away the keys to his flat in a pub quiz. Since then his career has encompassed TV, film and radio alongside his stand-up. MC for the night is Sally Anne Hayward, who has been the warm-up act for Channel 4's Deal Or No Deal. Tickets cost £23, including a two-course meal, or £16 for comedy only. Over-18s only; doors open at 7.30pm and show time is 9pm.

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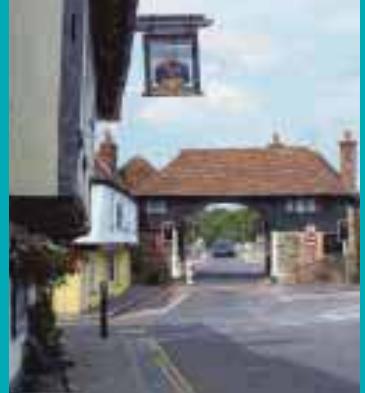
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Demand not limited to amateur golfers

WITH Royal St George's hosting the 140th Open last weekend, keen golfers from across the country may have been tempted to take a peek at property

prices in the east Kent town of Sandwich.

However, estate agent Di Gunnell, of Colebrook Sturrock, said there was strong demand from a range of potential buyers who were not interested in a relaxing 18 holes or lowering their handicap.

"Homes in the conservation area [ie within the town walls] and locations on the east side of the town towards Sandwich Bay remain popular, be they detached or smaller terraced properties in the town itself," she said.

"Demand has come from second-home-buyers, those retiring from a larger property nearby to a more convenient and more easily managed property where access is easier to local shops, transport or

doctors' surgeries, and to certain extent from investment purchasers. In the lettings market, larger three- and four-bedroom properties are in great demand as there is a limited supply."

Property prices are higher within the town walls and fall away on the outskirts of Sandwich towards Canterbury.

Gunnell said the market outlook at either end of the price scale was very different.

"We see the sales market as a mixed bag of prices drifting lower on the estates but stabilising within the conservation area," she said.

"Activity levels should improve later in the year as supply and demand begin to equalise. Individual larger properties are still in demand, subject to sensible pricing, and their prices should remain quite flat.

"For lettings, after a period of rent increases, we see such rents stabilising as more stock becomes available from those unable or unwilling to sell in this buyer's market."

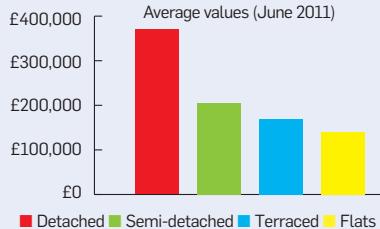


HOME VALUES IN KENT

WHAT IS THE ZED-INDEX?

The Zed-Index! is the average home value in a given area based on Zoopla Estimates

Kent Zed-Index! £223,736



Area	Turnover	Zed-index!	Faversham	16.3%	£215,898	Sandwich	15.8%	£237,565
Ashford	15.9%	£224,145	Folkestone	16.4%	£178,718	Sevenoaks	16.0%	£468,434
Aylesford	15.5%	£227,930	Gillingham	15.8%	£173,890	Sheerness	14.6%	£149,220
Belvedere	17.1%	£177,923	Gravesend	13.9%	£202,004	Sidcup	17.2%	£256,502
Bexley	15.6%	£300,005	Greenhithe	18.7%	£204,759	Sittingbourne	15.9%	£190,141
Bexleyheath	16.5%	£244,296	Herne Bay	18.6%	£194,109	Snodland	15.8%	£171,027
Birchington	20.1%	£204,711	Hythe	17.5%	£253,041	Swanley	12.9%	£228,334
Broadstairs	18.6%	£220,150	Longfield	15.0%	£291,661	Swanscombe	13.1%	£169,146
Canterbury	15.0%	£240,179	Maidstone	15.5%	£230,409	Tenterden	16.1%	£335,230
Chatham	17.2%	£163,101	Margate	16.5%	£150,448	Tonbridge	14.4%	£319,442
Cranbrook	13.1%	£390,207	New Romney	19.6%	£216,291	Tunbridge Wells	17.9%	£332,014
Dartford	15.7%	£212,882	Queenborough	12.3%	£114,658	Welling	16.5%	£237,176
Deal	17.1%	£194,873	Rainham	13.3%	£207,290	West Malling	17.9%	£344,949
Dover	14.2%	£162,889	Ramsgate	15.9%	£157,425	Westerham	17.9%	£339,067
Edenbridge	13.3%	£387,581	Rochester	15.7%	£186,800	Westgate-On-Sea	18.7%	£166,375
Erith	12.4%	£172,165	Romney Marsh	16.7%	£188,754	Whitstable	19.6%	£238,489

SPOTLIGHT ON SANDWICH

What makes it special?

SANDWICH is one of the finest medieval towns in Britain, with a plethora of fantastically-preserved listed buildings dotted throughout the small east Kent town. Its appeal is added to by its location, with the River Stour giving water-minded residents the perfect place to moor their yachts and boats. Keeping with the watery theme, there is a glorious, and long, beach at nearby Sandwich Bay.

There's no getting away from it, though – the town is best known for its world-class golf courses. In addition to Royal St George's, which hosted the 140th Open championship last weekend, there are the Prince's and Cinque Ports clubs.

Room to improve

THE town has perfectly acceptable road links, but its rail service could do with improvement. This is recognised by many and has taken form in the campaign for the High Speed 1 service to stop at both Sandwich and Deal. HS1 already stops at Dover, but campaigners have made a strong case for the extra stops to be made at the two towns. Pfizer's withdrawal from its Sandwich site has led some to question the economic future of the area, although others suggest its potential impact has been exaggerated. Disappointingly for such a lovely town, the stretch of road between Sandwich and Thanet must rank as one of the ugliest in the county. Low-end development and a derelict power station do the area no favours. The power station is due to be demolished to make way for a 'green energy park'.

Shops

THE independent shops once found in most towns across the country, but which were



gradually forced to close by big-name supermarkets and out-of-town shopping centres, still thrive in Sandwich. The town is home to the likes of bakers, haberdashers, farm shops, butchers, greengrocers and even an ironmonger.

These traditional stores are complemented by antiques shops, an art gallery, independent clothes stores, a greetings-card shop and a specialist yacht broker.

Schools

THERE are four schools within the immediate area of Sandwich. The youngest pupils attend Sandwich Infants, which educates youngsters between the ages of four and eight. Sandwich Juniors takes eight- to 11-year-olds before handing them on to either Sir Roger Manwood's School, a mixed grammar, or Sandwich Technology School: both cater for pupils aged 11-18. Manwood's achieves consistently-high academic results. In 2010, 64 per cent of all A-level passes were at the top grades of A and B, while 54 per cent of all GCSE passes were at the top grades of A* and A.

Connections

SANDWICH is not a difficult place to reach and is accessed by A roads either from the

north, via Ramsgate, or the west, via Canterbury. The main road out of town is the aptly-named Sandwich Road, the A256, which leads either south to Dover or north to Thanet. Taking the A257 towards Canterbury, you pass through attractive villages such as Ash, Shatterling and Wingham.

What's on

MORE than a mile of public footpaths wind their way through the 15-acre man-made Gaze Salts nature reserve. Entry is free and without opening restrictions. Alternatively, take a step back into Sandwich's past by visiting the four ancient church buildings in the town: St Clement's, St Peter's, St Mary's and the United Reformed Church. For a more rural history lesson, head for the White Mill Heritage Centre. The windmill, built in 1760, still houses its original wooden machinery, a wheelwright's workshop and displays of Victorian life.

Around and about

NATURALISTS can head to Pegwell and Sandwich Bay, to the north. The cliffs are of geological interest, while the estuary mouth is frequented by large numbers of waders and wildfowl.

History buffs should take in Deal, home to one of the finest Tudor artillery castles in England. Visitors can explore the whole site, from the dark passages to the first-floor captain's residence.

A pleasant cycle path also links Deal and Walmer castles along the beachfront.

Prices

FLATS can be rented from £525 for one-bedroom properties and £550 and upwards for two bedrooms. Houses are available to rent for a minimum of £650, with the price rising in line with location and number of bedrooms.

STUNNING VIEWS BY THE SEA



36 Lanthorne Road Price: £795,000

BRAND NEW & LUXURY BESPOKE Detached house affording well appointed accommodation and stunning sea and North Foreland Golf Course views. Comprising five bedrooms with en suite facilities to all with additional 20ft x 20ft lounge, 29ft kitchen/dining room and rear balcony this superbly equipped and fitted property is finished to the highest of standards and boasts an NHBC certificate. There is a double garage and to the rear garden a brick summer house lending itself to a variety of uses. A schedule of fitments is supplied by the vendor and the property benefits from NO ONWARDS CHAIN. Viewing is essential to appreciate the quality



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£675,000

Farm Lane

MARSHBOROUGH Cottage is a delightful period home set in impressive gardens and occupying a quiet elevated position with distant views. Believed to date from the 16th century with more recent extension, the Grade II-listed property features extensive exposed beamwork throughout and is beautifully presented by the present owner, with antique furniture complementing the property's period charm.

The cottage includes four bedrooms, three reception rooms, a study, dining room, garden room and fitted kitchen. The splendid gardens, which amount to just under 1.5 acres, are a particular feature of the property, comprising several individual areas of specific function or appeal. The extensive lawns lie to the front and side of the property and extend at the rear to the parking and turning area served by Farm Lane.

AGENT: Colebrook Sturrock
01304 612197



Hidden home in prime spot beside stream

£485,000

New Street

THIS stunningly-spacious four-bedroom, three-reception property is an ideal, centrally-located detached family home; it includes a green, splendid and private garden, ample parking and a large double garage.

The unique gated house, built in the 1960s, occupies a hidden location beside the Delf Stream within the walls of a former monastery.

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Stunning 16th-century cottage with 1.5-acre gardens



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Willowbank

THIS stunning newbuild haven is formed of a collection of two-bedroom apartments and three- and four-bedroom homes on the bank of the River Stour in the picturesque

medieval town of Sandwich. Willowbank combines stylish and contemporary living with all the benefits that the surrounding countryside and coastline has to offer, allowing you to enjoy the best of both worlds. Two-bedroom apartments with a garage and lift are available from £192,000.

At the other end of the scale, four-bedroom homes are on offer for £329,950. Quayside Homes is offering a part-exchange scheme and other incentives to help finance the move to the quiet residential area, near Sandwich train station.

AGENT: Quayside Homes
01304 620879



Consent given for extension and garage

£485,000

Sandown Road

LARGE family homes in a central location are often hard to come by.

Such is the case with this beautifully-presented detached home, situated some 400 yards from the town centre in a delightful garden, with ample off-road parking and garage.

The home enjoys a spacious layout with living room, large conservatory, kitchen/breakfast and study/utility, three double bedrooms with stylish en-suite and a family bathroom. There is planning consent for a two-storey extension and detached garage.

AGENT: Colebrook Sturrock
01843 863100



Mix of modern and traditional

£240,000

Trinity Square, Broadstairs

THIS unusual property is set within the conservation area of Trinity Square, off Reading Street, and is close to North Foreland golf course and the beaches of Joss Bay. The accommodation is arranged over two floors, with the lower groundfloor

providing a light and airy kitchen/diner and sitting room. The glazed roof provides a contemporary feel, yet the wood-burning stove set within the chimney recess gives the property a traditional feel. The ground floor comprises two bedrooms, one with en-suite and a separate family bathroom. French doors lead to the garden.

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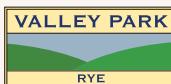
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Loop Street

THIS substantial unfurnished detached house is found on the award-winning Stourfields development conveniently situated a short walk from the centre of the town. With pleasant views across the cricket ground at The

Butts, this spacious home features a large kitchen/dining room, spacious living room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, a further double bedroom and additional single bedroom and a family bathroom. The property has an enclosed courtyard garden to the rear, single garage and additional off-road car-parking.

AGENT: G W Finn & Sons
01305 614471



Three-bed with open-plan garden

£750 pcm

St George's Road

TAKE a look at this modern three-bedroom semi-detached

house in a quiet cul-de-sac close to the town centre. The property includes a kitchen/breakfast room, spacious sitting room/dining room, conservatory, stairs to two double bedrooms, one

single bedroom and a family bathroom. The home boasts an open-plan front garden with detached garage with driveway parking.

AGENT: Colebrook Sturrock
01304 612197



Pretty cottage in the heart of quiet village

£675 pcm

Mill Lane, Eastry

THIS pretty open-plan terraced cottage is in the beautiful village of Eastry. The unfinished property includes three spacious double bedrooms, a wonderfully airy through sitting/dining room, bathroom with shower and a fully-fitted kitchen. The cottage also boasts a splendid courtyard garden to the rear. The property is close to bus routes.

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Warm and inviting homely cottage

£600 pcm

Fisher Street

THIS warm two-bedroom, mid-terrace cottage has a

quiet town-centre location. The entrance leads to a beautiful traditional cottage kitchen, sitting room with access to enclosed courtyard garden and stairs to two spacious double bedrooms

and a family bathroom. The property is immaculately presented and has a homely feel, with original wooden beams and a lovely fireplace.

AGENT: Colebrook Sturrock
01304 612197



One-bedroom in mews style

£580 pcm

Loop Street

AN attractive furnished one-bedroom semi-detached house set in the award-winning mews-style Stourfields development, a short walk from the centre of Sandwich. It features a compact and fully-equipped kitchen, a lounge, separate dining room, double bedroom and bathroom with a shower over the bath.

There is full gas-fired central heating and a small paved garden to the rear leading to an allocated car-parking space.

AGENT: G W Finn & Sons
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Furnished two-bed

£675 pcm

Three Kings Yard

TENANTS will have no headaches if they choose to move into this beautiful two-bedroom terraced home in the heart of Sandwich as

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Merc topples 3 Series

By Sam Davison
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IT HAS been a whispering campaign and some are still deaf to it, but the BMW 3-Series has lost its crown as the best compact executive car.

The new king is the current Mercedes-Benz C-Class, launched in 2007.

Since then, the sharp-looking Merc has reeled in the idiosyncratically-styled Beemer and the C-Class should now be first choice for those who want to have their executive cake and eat it.

Mercedes-Benz has waited a long time to overturn the BMW – since launching its original 'Baby Benz', the 190, back in the 80s, in fact.

And the C-Class that finally achieved this is now even better following a facelift in March.

As is the way with the German premium marques, this is not a visual bonanza. Mercedes might say the car (priced from £25,525) includes some 2,000 new bits and pieces, but you'd be hard pressed to notice on the outside where the aerodynamic body wears tweaks to lights, grille and bumper.

The dashboard and cabin, however, are far more integrated than before – this was the car's Achilles' heel – and has excellent stowage and nice touches such as rear reading lights. The seats are comfortable and rear space is good, though it is still really only a four-seater when talking about long journeys for adults.

Already-impressive safety equipment has been upgraded, too.

The boot is large for this sector and the classy estate version is one of the best at offering 'lifestyle image' plus practical load lugging.

Where the C-Class still cannot quite match its BMW rival is in the ultimate economy/ecological area – increasingly important to company-car-man now that taxes hit him so hard in the pocket.

This is why the miserly BMW 320d continues

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POLE POSITION:
Mercedes C-Class has overtaken the BMW 3-Series in the executive market

to dominate 3-Series sales by a huge margin.

On the other hand, economy/efficiency seems more balanced across the C-Class range. Powertrains were revised last year, but the seamless seven-speed auto gearbox is now available on junior models, too.

And unless you want an out-and-out performance model, you get M-B's BlueEfficiency eco-package as standard now on petrol and diesel models, something I applaud, rather than have eco (and tax)-aware buyers pay a premium for a greener car.

Our test model was a mid-range diesel, the C220 BlueEfficiency Sport saloon with that seven-speed auto box (£30,980). You can have a six-speed manual and save about £1,600, but the auto really does give you the best of both worlds and should hold its value better.

And you will want to test the auto's versatility when selecting the gears yourself because this is where the C-Class has kept all its

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Value:	★★★★
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old comfortable virtues and beaten the BMW at its own game, for the Merc can be both family cruiser and executive boy-racer, hugging the bends with great poise and reassurance.

Based on our experience, you also couldn't ask for better power than the C220 (2,143cc) test car: with 170bhp and twin turbochargers, it is lively (0-62mph in 8.1 seconds) and yet has an official combined mpg of 58.9 – the manual is more economical but slower off the mark.

As a real world test, I set the standard-fit cruise control to 70mph on the motorway and saw the computer reeling off figures around 50mpg.

Our car also looked the business in black with the Sport grille, which highlights another possible C-Class secret of success: the option to go for a model with a traditional Merc grille topped by the famous three-pointed star, or a coupe-style version with a big star embedded in the grille itself – the latter makes a difference with the sharp-suited brigade, believe me.

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Make most of Skoda offers

SKODA has launched a trio of deals. The Czech marque, which sold 10.5 per cent more cars last year, offers no-VAT on Skoda Finance deals, including 0 per cent packages.

A personal contract plan is also available, with three years' free servicing and no VAT – making a 1.2 SE Plus from the Fabia range, pictured, just £209 a month.



Toyota pick-up given new look

TOYOTA has updated its 'indestructible' Hilux – the pick-up that Top Gear famously couldn't kill.

Most notable change is an all-new front end and more car-like environment inside.

It's greener, too, and on sale from October, priced from £16,090 for the HL2 4WD Single Cab sold as a commercial vehicle.



Renault rides like the Wind

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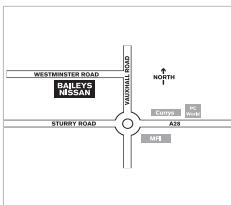
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2011(11) VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 350 miles.....£14,995		
2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles.....£13,995		
2011(11) PEUGEOT 308 HDI S 5DR TURBO HATCH, THORIUM GREY, 1000 miles....£12,995		
2011(11) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 500 miles.....£12,995		
2011(11) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles.....£12,995		
2010(60) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles.....£11,995		
2010(60) NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles.....£11,995		
2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....£11,995		
2010(60) NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles.....£11,995		
2011(11) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles.....£10,995		
2010(60) FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles.....£10,995		
2011(60) VAUXHALL AGILA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 650 miles.....£10,995		
2010(10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, OTTOMON BLUE, 1000 miles.....£9,995		
2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 350 miles.....£9,995		
2010(60) HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 400 miles.....£9,995		
2010(10) FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles...£9,495		
2010(10) HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles.....£7,995		
2010(10) KIA PICANTO STRIKE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles.....£7,995		

CONVERTIBLES CABRIOLETS COUPES

2009(59) BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles.....£19,995	2009(09) CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, POLY SILVER, 7000 miles.....£6,995	2011(11) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 500 miles.....£12,995
2009(59) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles.....£11,995	2009(58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....£6,995	2010(60) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....£9,995
2008(08) PEUGEOT 307 SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, RED, 18000 miles.....£10,995	2009(59) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 500 miles.....£5,995	2009(59) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 10000 miles.....£8,995
2008(08) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles.....£9,995	2009(59) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles.....£5,995	2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 2000 miles.....£8,995
2008(08) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 7000 miles...£8,995	2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 10000 miles.....£5,495	2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles.....£7,995
2008(08) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles£8,995	2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 18000 miles.....£5,495	2009(09) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 12000 miles.....£7,495
2008(08) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles.....£8,995	2008(08) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles.....£4,995	2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles...£6,995
2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles.....£7,995	2008(08) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles.....£4,995	2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 15000 miles...£6,995

NEW FIESTA

2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....£11,995	2011(11) HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 100 miles.....£10,995	2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 9000 miles...£6,995
2009(09) FORD FIESTA ZETEC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles.....£9,995	2008(08) HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles.....£9,995	2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, METRO BLUE, 8000 miles.....£6,495
2009(58) FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 3000 miles.....£8,995	2010(10) HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles.....£7,995	2007(07) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles...£5,995

FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

2010(10) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles..£10,995	2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 7000 miles.....£5,995	2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles.....£8,995
2008(08) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles...£8,995	2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles.....£5,995	2008(58) MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles.....£9,995
2008(08) FORD FOCUS TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles.....£8,995	2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles.....£5,995	2008(08) MAZDA 3 3 TS2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles...£8,995
2008(58) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles...£8,495	2007(07) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles.....£5,495	2007(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....£5,495
2009(58) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles.....£7,995	2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles.....£4,995	
2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 16000 miles.....£7,995	2006(56) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....£4,295	
2005(54) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 29000 miles...£4,995		
2004(54) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, MACHINE SILVER, 11000 miles...£4,495		

FOCUS ESTATES

2008(08) FORD FOCUS ZETEC ESTATE AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 5000 miles.....£8,995	2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles.....£5,995	2005(05) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 10000 miles.....£6,995
2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 11000 miles.....£7,995	2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles...£5,995	2003(03) TOYOTA YARIS CDX VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 46000 miles.....£4,995

RENAULT SCENIC

2009(59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles.....£14,995
2008(08) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles..£7,495
2008(08) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles..£7,495

BMW

2009(59) BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles.....£19,995
2003(52) BMW 3 SERIES 316TI SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 50000 miles.....£4,995

FIAT

2010(10) FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles...£9,495

RENAULT

2010(59) RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION VVT MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles..£11,995
2009(59) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles.....£11,995
2008(08) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles.....£6,995
2010(10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, OTTOMON BLUE, 1000 miles.....£9,995
2008(58) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 1500 miles.....£7,495

CITROEN

2008(58) CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles.....£7,995
2007(07) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO VTX 16V ESTATE AUTO, WICKED RED, 13000 miles...£5,995
2006(06) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO DESIRE 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....£4,995

CHEVROLET

2009(09) CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, POLY SILVER, 7000 miles.....£6,995
2009(58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....£6,995
2009(59) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 500 miles.....£5,995
2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 10000 miles.....£5,495
2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 18000 miles.....£5,495

CORSA

2008(58) CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles.....£7,995
2007(07) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO VTX 16V ESTATE AUTO, WICKED RED, 13000 miles...£5,995
2006(06) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO DESIRE 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....£4,995

HYUNDAI

2011(11) HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 100 miles.....£10,995
2008(08) HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles.....£9,995
2010(10) HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles.....£7,995
2008(58) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles.....£6,995
2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 13000 miles.....£5,995

MAZDA

2008(08) MAZDA 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, GOLD, 18000 miles.....£9,995
2008(58) MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles.....£9,995
2008(08) MAZDA 3 3 TS2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles...£8,995
2007(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....£5,495

DAIHATSU

2008(08) DAIHATSU MATERIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles.....£6,995
2008(08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....£6,995
2008(08) DAIHATSU SIR

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NISSAN

2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 7000 miles...£16,995
2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....£16,995

2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles...£15,495

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI TEENA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 19000 miles...£14,995

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles...£13,995

2010(60) NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles.....£11,995

2010(60) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles.....£11,995

2011(60) NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles.....£11,495

2010(59) NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 5000 miles.....£9,995

2010(10) NISSAN MICRA N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE , 12000 miles...£9,995

2009(59) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles...£8,995

2009(09) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....£8,495

2009(58) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles...£7,995

2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles.....£6,995

2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles.....£6,995

2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles...£6,995

2008(57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles...£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, EMOTION RED, 11000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, EMOTION RED, 18000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles.....£6,495

2006(56) NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles.....£5,995

2005(54) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles.....£4,995

2005(55) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles.....£4,995

2005(05) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles.....£4,995

2004(64) NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....£4,995

2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles...£4,995

2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles.....£4,995

2005(05) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles...£4,995

2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, MERLOT RED, 1800 miles.....£4,995

2004(54) NISSAN MICRA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 32000 miles.....£4,695

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....£9,995

2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles.....£9,995

2010(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles...£9,495

2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles...£9,495

2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles.....£8,995

2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles.....£8,995

2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles...£8,495

2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles.....£6,495

2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles...£5,995

2008(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles.....£5,995

NEW MODEL ASTRA

2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 900 miles.....£14,995

2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles.....£13,995

2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles.....£10,995

2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles.....£9,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 7000 miles...£6,995

2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles...£6,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles.....£6,495

ASTRA ESTATES

2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles.....£9,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 7000 miles...£6,995

2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles...£6,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles.....£6,495

2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 18000 miles.....£5,995

2006(56) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 19000 miles...£5,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2010(10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles.....£9,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 miles.....£8,995

2010(60) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles...£8,995

2010(60) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles.....£8,995

2011(60) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 12000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 9000 miles...£8,995

2010(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....£8,995

2009(59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles.....£6,995

2005(05) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....£5,495

2008(08) VAUXHALL MERIVA ENJOY 16V MTA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 miles.....£4,495

PEUGEOT

2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles.....£10,995

2010(10) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, IRON GREY, 2000 miles.....£9,995

2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 350 miles...£9,995

2009(09) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIMBUS GREY, 7000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles...£8,995

2008(08) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles.....£7,995

2008(08) PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 23000 miles.....£7,495

2008(07) PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles.....£6,995

2008(08) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 3DR HATCH, CITRUS YELLOW, 14000 miles...£5,995

2008(08) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER, 12000 miles...£5,995

MITSUBISHI

2007(57) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles...£6,995

2008(58) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 18000 miles.....£7,995

2008(08) SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles.....£7,995

2008(08) SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles.....£7,495

2008(58) MITSUBISHI LANCER 1.4 16V 3DR, GREY, 18000 miles.....£8,495

2005(05) TOYOTA COROLLA VERSO T2 VVT-I MPV, SILVER STEEL, 9000 miles.....£6,495

2004(54) VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT 16V TWINPORT CABRIO, BLUE, 21000 miles...£5,495

2006(56) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles.....£5,495

2002(52) VAUXHALL ASTRA LS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 49000 miles.....£2,495

2008(58) MITSUBISHI LANCER 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles.....£15,995

2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 200 miles.....£22,495

2010(60) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIGHTSHADE, 4000 miles...£19,995

2010(60) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles.....£19,995

2010(59) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIGHTSHADE, 6000 miles...£17,995

2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....£16,995

2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles.....£15,995

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles...£14,995

2009(09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....£14,995

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles.....£13,995

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FIRED IRON, 13000 miles...£12,495

2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI VISION 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 21000 miles.....£11,995

VOLKSWAGEN

2011(11) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles.....£12,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 7000 miles.....£11,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, DIAMOND BLACK, 11000 miles.....£11,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....£11,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles.....£10,995

2009(59) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1200 miles.....£9,995

2009(59) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 780 miles.....£9,995

2009(09) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles.....£8,995

2009(09) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles.....£8,995

2009(09) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 5000 miles...£6,995

2008(08) FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, OCEANBLUE, 18000 miles.....£6,495

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

2008(58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles.....£8,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles.....£7,995

2007(57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles...£6,995

2005(05) VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles.....£5,995

2003(53) VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 32000 miles.....£4,495

MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

2010(60) VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles.....£15,995

2010(60) VAUXHALL ZAFRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles.....£15,995

2009(59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles.....£14,995

2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles.....£12,995

2011(11) PEUGEOT 308 HDI S 5DR TURBO HATCH, THORIUM GREY, 1000 miles....£12,995

2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....£11,995

SKODA

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2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA SXI 1.4 16V 3DR, GREY, 18000 miles.....£8,495

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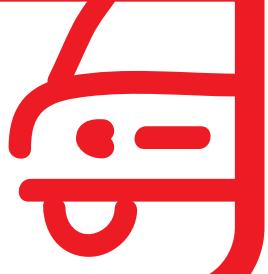
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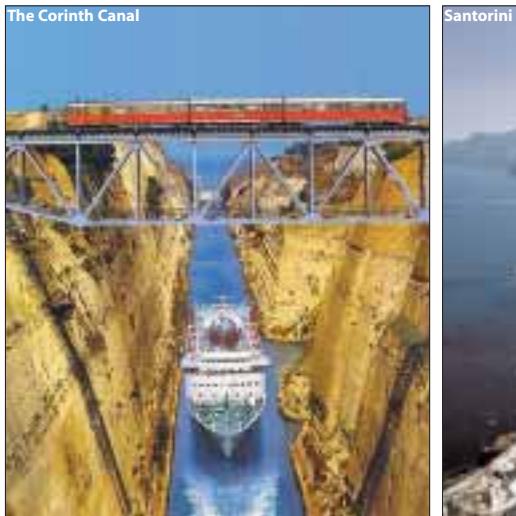
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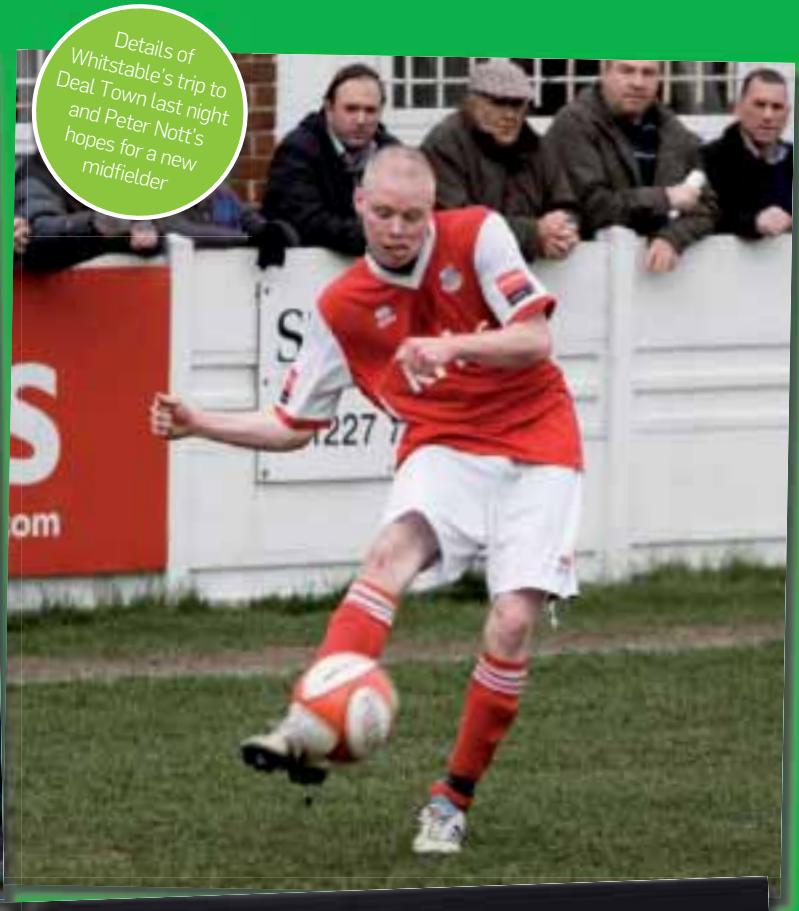
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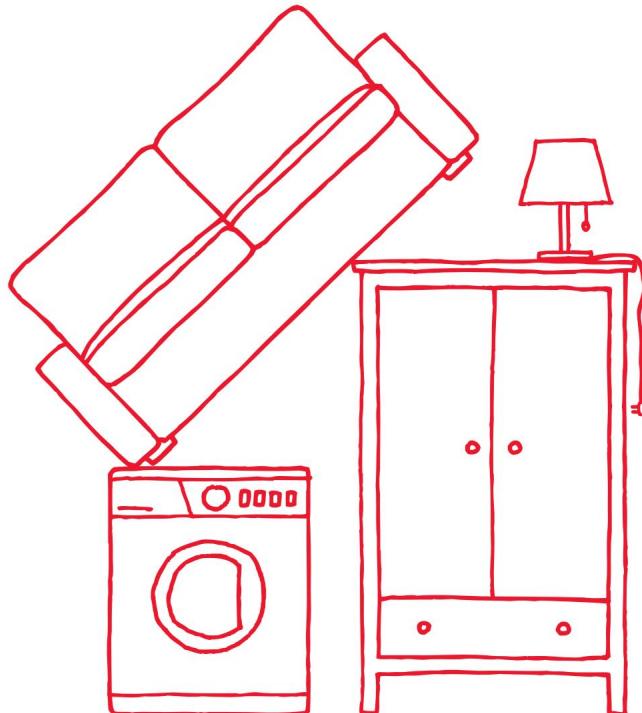
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